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Swedish Press Reports Find No Confirmation In London

YALTA CONFERENCE TERMS FOR EISENHOWER'S "CEASE FIRE"

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
LONDON, March 15.

CAREFUL INVESTIGATIONS FAIL TO REVEAL EVIDENCE OF ANY APPROACH DIRECT OR OBLIQUE FROM MARSHAL VON RUNDSTEDT FOR ARMISTICE OR SURRENDER TERMS.

IT IS ESTABLISHED HOWEVER, THAT THE QUESTION OF GERMANY'S EVENTUAL SURRENDER WAS DISCUSSED AT THE YALTA CONFERENCE AND THE PROCEDURE AGREED UPON, THE TERMS WHEREOF ARE NOT DISCLOSED.

LISBON FEELERS

When Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive flopped feelers came out at Lisbon obviously inspired by Von Papen as to what terms the Allies considered suitable for "cease fire." The Yalta Conference was then in progress. Nothing further was done.

Dame Rumours Busy

Rumours, however, circulated in Lisbon that the intermediary was bluntly told that there was no question of armistice under which the German Army would return to bases still carrying arms as in 1918 but the Generals must surrender in person, the armies disarmed and made prisoners of war.

The rumours also said that Anglo-Americans would not accept any surrender without internment of the whole German fighting forces as Russia wanted at least three million Germans transferred to Russia repair war damage.

No confirmation of these stories including the one that Dr. Ley contacted President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill while at Malta and he returned empty handed with the white flag only, which he had brought for negotiating terms with the two Allied statesmen!

Only Terms For "Cease Fire"!

Parliamentary circles believe that the only possible terms before Gen. Eisenhower orders "cease fire" would be firstly, the personal surrender of German Commanders on all fronts, Secondly, disarming their troops; Thirdly disposal of German troops to be decided by Allies alone and under no circumstances would their immediate or ultimate fate be considered as a condition of surrender. The contingency of any German Commander surrendering separately has not been overlooked and broadly the same conditions would apply in such individual cases.

SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, March 15.—The Stockholm newspaper "Svenska Dagbladet" today carried a report quoting "a usually very reliable source" that Germany had addressed a peace offer to the Allies through Swedish intermediaries in Stockholm and that the proposition was categorically rejected.

The report said that Hitler gave his consent to the offer after a dramatic night-long conference at Berchtesgaden.

The German proposal was to evacuate all occupied territories but asked that the Nazi regime should continue in Germany because only Hitler and Himmler had the requisite authority over the German people.

So far no confirmation of the report is available from Allied or Berlin sources.

BOLSHIE BOGEY TO BAG ALLIES

The "Svenska Dagbladet" said that Hitler offered the most stubborn resistance to the proposal but finally

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER MOVE COMING FROM GERMANY?

LONDON, March 14. (Globe): It is believed in Washington that a leading German General with whom the Allies can do business and who would accept 'unconditional surrender'" will emerge within 40 days.

This belief is revealed by the New York correspondent of the "Daily Mail".

"In any event," he adds, 'it is confidently expected here that Germany will be in her death throes by the time the United Nations gather at San Francisco on April 25."

granted to allow his most trusted officials to contact the British and the Americans in Stockholm. "In an attempt to persuade the Allies to agree the German envoy threatened that if the offer was rejected the German Army would cease to resist in the east and allow the Russians to overrun Germany. This would lead to 'complete Bolshevisation of the country which would hurt Anglo-American interests'.

The strongly fortified Moravia and Bohemia (the western part of Czechoslovakia) could form a strong bulwark against the Reds, it was argued. These territories have been industrialised during the war and complete destruction of them through continued hostilities would adversely affect the reconstruction of Europe as a whole. These arguments cut no ice."—Reuter.

NOTHING KNOWN IN LONDON

LONDON, March 15.—Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that nothing is known in British official quarters of the peace offer from Germany on the lines reported in the Swedish Press, but in other quarters it is indicated that the alleged terms of offer differ little from those the Germans are known to have attempted to put forward last autumn.

(A British Legation spokesman in Stockholm told Reuter's special correspondent there today "an approach was attempted a few days ago through a third party to a junior member of the Legation staff. The third party, however, was immediately told the Legation was not in the least interested in any such approach").

"It Is Obvious They Would Not Admit It"

LONDON, March 15 (A.P.)—Official British quarters today denied knowledge of a reported peace move by a German Foreign Office representative early this month.

They emphasised, however, that if the Germans had attempted to contact British and American officials in Stockholm—as reported—"it is obvious that we could not and would admit it."

One reliable source made it clear that any peace moves on the part of the Germans probably never would be made known until unconditional surrender of Germany was actually concluded.

STOCKHOLM CONFIRMATION

German attempts to approach the Allies for an armistice were confirmed to-day by British officials in Stockholm while London denied knowledge of such a move.

Edwin Shanke, 'Associated Press' correspondent in Stockholm, said an "unofficial British statement confirmed a German approach to Allied representatives here with a view to a possible armistice."

Shanke's dispatch quoted the statement from British quarters in the Swedish capital as saying "an attempt' was made but immediately rejected.

Earlier, official quarters in London said they had no knowledge of the activities in Stockholm.

They emphasized picking up previous London story at second paragraph.

Excess Money For Governor's Reception Disallowed

KARACHI, March 15.

It is learnt that the Sind Government has directed the Nawabshah Municipal Board that the sum of Rs. 283 spent in excess of Rs. 200 sanctioned by the Board for the reception of the Governor of Sind at the time of his visit to Nawabshah in 1943 should be borne by the Municipal councillors themselves.—United Press.

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Two-way Attack On Reich

Allied And Russian Bombers Go Into Action Against German Targets

LONDON, March 15.—Allied aircraft were over Germany in strength again to-day. Fast bombers were reported by the German radio over widely separated points in north-west Germany and the United States Eighth Air Force headquarters announced that United States aircraft were over Germany.

A second bomber formation was reported by the German radio flying towards lower Austria indicating another two-way attack in progress.

TEN-TON BOMBS

The Germans reported aircraft over the Ruhr and Bielefeld area where 'Lancasters' last night dropped new ten-ton bombs and also over Cassel.

R.A.F. Attack On Berlin

A synthetic oil plant at Luetzkendor was another objective heavily attacked by R. A. F. Bomber Command last night.

Earlier it had been announced that heavy attacks were made last night on Zweibrucken and Homburg, east of Saarbrucken. Berlin was also attacked.—Reuter.

ROME, March 15.—(A.P.)—For the first time, yesterday, fighters and bombers of the Fifteenth Air Force engaged themselves in simultaneous attacks with Russian Air Forces in Austria, Hungary and Yugoslavia, it was announced.

HEAD OF HITLER'S PEOPLES' COURT KILLED IN RAID

LONDON, March 15.—(A. P.)—Dr. Roland Freisler, head of Hitler's Peoples Court, was killed in an Allied air raid on Berlin early in February, the German radio announced to-day. Freisler's death had been reported previously by Allied and neutral sources.

M. P.s' Visit To S.E.A.C. Later In The Year

LONDON, March 15. In the Commons today Mr. Quintin Hogg (Conservative), asked Mr. Amery whether he would arrange for a representative party of members of Parliament similar to that which visited Italy, to visit formations in India and South East Asia Command.

Mr. Amery replied he was aware that some members wished to visit India for the purpose indicated. Others would no doubt wish to combine with such a visit some study of the political situation. He had consulted the Viceroy, who felt that for both the purpose the time for the visit would be later in the year.—Reuter.

Rationing For The Dead

HUBLI, March 15:—Due to shortage, rationing of firewood is being introduced for the purpose of cremation in Hubli city.

The Rationing Officer has notified that a "Khandi" of firewood will be supplied for each cremation on application from the persons concerned by submitting the rationing card which stood in the dead person's name.—A. P. I.

WINDSOR RESIGNS BAHAMAS GOVERNORSHIP

LONDON, March 15: It is officially announced that the Duke of Windsor has resigned the Governorship of the Bahamas with effect from the end of April.

The Duke would have completed at the end of August five years, which is the normal term of office of a British Colonial Governor.—Reuter.

LAST ROUND IN EAST PRUSSIA

Soviet Thrust Into Nazi Pocket South-West Of Koenigsberg

LONDON, March 15: Great battles were taking place today's either side of the Danube 100 miles east of Vienna, with Marshal Tolbukhin's forces holding the German onslaught west of Budapest and Marshal Malinoskv's armoured columns driving over mountain roads to widen the wedge in the German position north of the Danube.

There has been no slackening in the fury of the German onslaught northeast and west of Lake Balaton.

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

North of the Danube in Czechoslovakia where Marshal Malinovsky is driving on from Altsohl (Zhvolen), captured yesterday, his tanks are crossing ice-covered mountain roads and overcoming stubborn opposition.

It looks like the last round of the battle in East Prussia, as Soviet troops thrust into the German pocket southwest of Koenigsberg.—Reuter.

Poles Demand Representation At 'Frisco

LONDON March 15: The Polish Government in London today issued the text of a note delivered to the British, American and Chinese Governments, stating that "the Polish Government as the sole legal and independent representative of the Polish State, emphatically insist on their indisputable right to take part in the World Security Conference, and solemnly protest against their omission from the invitations to the San Francisco Conference."—Reuter.

"WE FLY FLAG OF FREE ENTERPRISE"

Churchill Speaks Of Post-War Policy For Britain

LONDON, March 15.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at the Conservative Party Conference today said: "We have allowed our organisations to be devoted entirely to the prosecution of the war. In doing this we have endured patiently and almost silently many provocations from that happily limited class of left-wing politicians to whom party strife is the breath of their nostrils. Many are the insults and slanders which we have allowed to pass. I will not say unnoticed but unanswered for the sake of concentration of the war effort. We shall maintain this patriotic restraint as long as the national coalition continues to work together in loyal comradeship.

"Continuous and ever more rapid progress of the war against Germany and Nazi tyranny leads us all to hope that the giant foe against whom for more than a year we stood alone unflinching, undismayed, will be forced into unconditional surrender or beaten to ground in chaos and ruin.

GENERAL ELECTION

"Should the war in Europe end before the summer ends, or even sooner as it may well do, we shall have reached a considerable milestone in our journey and war conditions will no longer prevent the holding of a general election.

"We have to repay the injuries inflicted by the Japanese and the infernal cruelties they perpetrated on His Majesty's subjects—British, Australians, Indians, Burmese and Malayans alike. That requires an intense effort and no mood of war weariness must prevent us from doing our duty to the last inch and the last minute.

The scale of war against Japan is limited not by manpower—that will readily be forthcoming—it is limited by shipping and other means of transport over vast ocean spaces and through steaming jungles.

FUTURE OF BRITAIN

Speaking of policy for the future in Britain, Mr. Churchill said: "It is no easy cheap Jack Utopia of airy phrases that lies before us. This is no time for windy platitudes. The Conservative Party had far better go down telling the truth and acting in accordance with the verities of our position than gain a span of shabbily bought office by easy and fickle froth and chatter.

"This is no time for humbug and blandishment but for grim and stark facts and figures and action to meet the immediate needs.

If we are to recover from the merciless exertions of the war, it can only be by large release from the necessary bonds and controls which war conditions have imposed upon us. Control for control's sake is senseless: controls under the pretext of war or its aftermath which are in fact designed to favour the accomplishment of totalitarian systems, however innocently designed, whatever guise they take, whatever liveries they wear, whatever slogans they mouth, are a fraud which should be mercilessly exposed to the British public.

FREE ENTERPRISE

"At the head of our main mast we fly the flag of Free Enterprise.

"If we look to the future," he said, "nothing is more clear than that when the war is over the world will face acute shortage of food for several years. It would be madness indeed to cast away the increased food production which has been achieved in war.

Mr. Churchill said that every ton of food produced here not only helped to fill to some extent the gap caused by the loss of British foreign investments but this fact definitely set free more of our export trade to buy not only food but raw materials."

Agriculture assumed a place in the fore-front of post-war policy, Mr. Churchill said.

VICTORY OR DELIVERANCE?

Mr. Churchill concluding said: "Victory lies before us certain and perhaps near. But years' cruel torment and destruction have wasted the earth and victory with all its brilliant trappings appears to our experienced eyes as deliverance rather than a triumph. Our hearts go out in thankfulness that we have been saved from annihilation and from ruin of our country and that after our long history we shall come through once again with life and honour from the conclusion that has ravaged the globe.

"We shall best show our gratitude for these mercies by the zeal and faithfulness with which we devote ourselves to our duty and prove ourselves worthy in strength and spirit of the place we hold in the hearts of men and in the vanguard of the modern world."

COALITION GOVERNMENT

Mr. Churchill declared that if he was called on to form a new Government before the general election he would call on "men of any party or no party."

He added: "When this famous coalition comes to an end we must expect the loss of many loyal and capable fellow workers in the administration. Should it fall to me, as it may do, to form a Government before the General Election, I shall seek out not only Conservatives, but men of any party or no party who are willing to serve and thus invest our administration with a national character. If the verdict of the nation should still leave us responsible, the Government after the election will be further reformed with the sole desire of rallying the strongest forces to carry our cause to final victory and peace."—Reuter.

Will Congress Leaders Be Detained Indefinitely?

AMERICANS EXTEND BRIDGEHEAD

Seventh Army Marches Up To Saar

LONDON, March 15.—Both the American bridgeheads—south of the Moselle and east of the Rhine—have been extended.

The latest reports from S.H.A.E.F. says United States Third Army troops who forced the Moselle crossing eight miles south-west of Coblenz have made a bridgehead nine miles long and three miles deep. Further advance southward would threaten the main part of Coblenz.

Combined with the push south-east of Trier they are threatening to turn the whole Saar defence line from the north.

First United States Army troops across the Rhine advanced to within half a mile of Cologne-Frankfurt-Autobahn. At the same time they pushed out both ends of the bridgehead, and to the north are now a mile beyond Honnef.

Further south the United States seventh army has battled its way forward three miles right up to Saar, west of Saarbruecken for about six miles.

At the northern end of the front the Germans, expecting a big attack by Field Marshal Montgomery, have blown more dykes north of Nimegen to add to the defences.—Reuter.

FIGHTING IN HILLS NEAR RHINE

With the American First Army, March 15 (A.P.)—Fighting into the hills east of the Rhine, the First Army edged to within a half mile of the great Cologne-Frankfurt super-highway early today and brought the main north-south artery under machine-gun fire.

Infantry advanced two kilometres south of Bruensberg to virtually cut the great highway while other units pushed north of Honnefen and were fighting in Notscheid.

The Germans were observed building up strength due east of the Remagen bridge and also in the northeast sector opposite the American Bridgeheads.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, March 15.—The German High Command communique today (Thursday) said the Allies "launched largescale attacks against our front west of the Rhine, on the Moselle, on Saar and in Lower Alsace.

Under protection of a dense artificial smokescreen, he gained a foothold on the eastern bank of the Moselle north-east of Cochem and near Uerzig."

In the Remagen bridgehead across the Rhine the Allies "made some more breaches which were sealed off," the communique said. The Red Army is attacking East Prussia on a broad front between Eisenberg and the fortress zone of Koenigsberg.—Reuter.

NEW PLOT TO KILL HITLER

LONDON, March 15 (Globe): The Gestapo has unmasked a new plot to kill Hitler.

According to a Moscow broadcast picked up here, an attempt on Hitler's life was made when recently, he was on his way to inspect new fortifications on the river Spree which runs through Berlin.

The attempt was made as the Fuehrer's armoured train passed through Finsterwalde station. But the plot, which was arranged by a group of Regular and Volkssturm officers, was discovered and the visit was cancelled.

Nazis Quit Three Dodecanese Islands

ATHENS, March 15 (Reuter). The Greek Government have received messages from the Dodecanese islands of Nisiros Anti-Palos and Simi stating that they have been evacuated by the Germans. Mass meetings have been organised by the inhabitants demanding immediate union with Greece, the messages say.

Kania To Officiate As Bombay C. J.

NEW DELHI, March 15. (A.P.I.)

The Governor-General has appointed the Honourable Sir Justice Harilal Jekishondas Kania, Kt., a Judge of the Bombay High Court, to perform the duties of Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court during the absence on leave of the Honourable Sir Leonard Stone with effect from June 11 to October 14, 1945, says a Press 'communique'.

CALCUTTA, March 15: Two persons from a shop of watch manufacturers and dealers were arrested for refusing to sell watches. In the course of their search the police seized 1,900 gold and silver watches. Both the persons were released on bail.—United Press.

STOP PRESS

T. V. SOONG FOR SAN FRANCISCO

CHUNGKING, March 15.—(A.P.)—T. V. Soong, China's foreign minister and acting premier, to-day was appointed the head of the Chinese delegation to the San Francisco world security conference.

RUSSIANS BREAK INTO GDYNIA

LONDON, March 15-(A. P.): Marshal Rokossovsky's Red Army forces have broken into the port of Gdynia from the west, the German radio indicated to-day.

Amery's Reply To Sorensen's Question In Commons

LONDON, March 15.—Mr. L. S. Amery, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day said: "It is not intended to detain Congress leaders indefinitely. The Government of India will consider their release when they are satisfied they will not preiudice the maintenance of Law and Order and the safety of India as a war base".

DELHI VIEW MUST BE DECISIVE

Mr. Amery was replying to Mr. Sorensen (Labour) who asked whether His Majesty's Government intended to detain Congress leaders until Japan was defeated or indefinitely so long as they did not satisfy the requirements of the Government.

After Mr. Amery's reply Mr. Sorensen further asked: Does the Minister not consider that time has now arrived when it cannot in any case adversely affect the situation?

Mr. Amery: I understand that the opinion of the Government of India, which must be decisive in this matter, is that the time has not yet arrived for a general release. Individuals have been released progressively over a long period.

Mr. Sorensen: Can we take it that that progress will go on so that in course of time Congress leaders will be released in the same way as Mr Gandhi and others?

Mr. Amery: We will consider the time when it arrives.

Plane For Working Committee Members

AHMEDNAGAR, March 15.

It is understood that all bag and baggage of the Working Committee members, who are detained here in the fort jail has been packed for despatch. It is likely that all the members will be transferred from here to their respective provinces within a day or two by aeroplane.—A. P.

BAN ON 'SATYARTH PRAKASH' TO BE LIFTED

KARACHI, March 15.

Mr. Ghanshamdas Gupta, Speaker, C. P. Assembly, met the Premier Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah today.

It is understood that the Government is favourably considering withdrawal of the ban imposed on the 14th chapter of the Satyarth Prakash as also releasing Dr. Choitram Gidwani, Prof. Ghansham Jethand and Mr. C. T. Walcha, the remaining Congress M L A's still under detention since August 1942 to create goodwill.—United Press.

Military Govt. For Indo-China

LONDON, March 15. The German Radio said tod y that supreme administrative power in Indo-China had been delegated to the Japanese Commander-in-Chief.

Matsumoto, former Japanese Ambassador to Indo-China has been appointed Supreme Adviser to the Military Government.

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LONDON, March 15: The death has taken place of Mr. Oswald Campbell Lees, late Chief Engineer and Secretary to the Government of Buram.—Reuter.

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—Reuter.

Berlin Under Martial Law?

LONDON, March 15. (U. P. A.): Frank Gillard the B.B.C. correspondent with the Allied Army on the west front, said to-day that the whole of Berlin was under martial law according to the reports of recently captured war prisoners.

DR. KHAN SAHIB ON TASK AHEAD

PESHAWAR, March 15.—The acceptance of office by the Congress in the North-West Frontier Province is regarded as a most momentous decision since it is assumed to mark the beginning of the end of the deadlock. The new Ministers will be assuming office to-morrow.

Dr. Khan Sahib, who has been the recipient of congratulations from various parts of the country, in an interview to-day said: "A great responsibility has fallen on my shoulders and I pray to God that I may be able to serve my Province and advance the best interests of our people".

Asked about his future programme, Dr. Khan Sahib said: "I am not in a position to say anything until we actually assume office to-morrow. However, I would like to see the Government servant honest and to achieve that end I shall leave no stone unturned."

MORE MINISTERS

The names of Qazi Attaullah and Mian Jaffar Shah are mentioned in informed quarters in connection with the inclusion of two more Ministers in Dr. Khan Sahib's new Cabinet. Qazi Attaullah who is at present under detention was Education Minister in the first Congress Ministry while Mian Jaffar Shah is a prominent member of the Congress Party.

H. E. the Governor will administer to-morrow morning the oaths of office and allegiance to Dr. Khan Sahib and his two old colleagues Dewan Bhanjuram Gandhi and Khan Mohd. Abbas Khan.—A. P.

SEQUEL TO JINNAH'S ILLNESS

League Session Postponed

NEW DELHI, March 15.

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, General Secretary, All-India Muslim League announces that on account of the illness of Mr. Jinnah, it has been decided in consultation with the Reception Committee, to postpone the annual session of the All-India Muslim League which was to be held at Lahore towards the end of March. The new dates of the session will be announced in due course.—A. P.

NO-CONFIDENCE IN GHULAM HUSSAIN MINISTRY

KARACHI, March 15.

It is understood that Sheikh Abdul Majid to-day tabled a motion of no-confidence in the Hidayatullah Ministry.—A. P.

TRANSVAAL INDIANS TO CONTACT DESHMUKH

JOHANNESBURG, March 15. It is learned that at the request of the Indian High Commissioner, Mr. R. M. Deshmukh, a deputation of the Transvaal Indian Congress is going to Cape Town to discuss the whole Indian question and interview the authorities.—Reuter.

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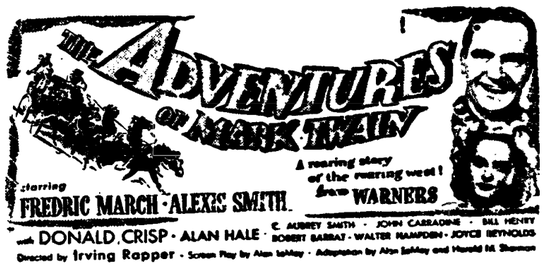

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CALLS KHIZR'S RETORT "DAMNABLE LIE"

Punjab M. L. A. Prefers To Quit Chamber Than Withdraw Remark

LAHORE, March 15 (A.P.I.): In the Punjab Assembly today Sardar Sohan Singh Josh, a Communist member of the Congress Party and Leader of the Punjab Communist Party was named by the Speaker and asked to leave the House following his refusal to withdraw the words "damnable lie" used by him in connection with Premier Khizr Hyat Tiwana's remark during question hour as to how much money he was getting from Russia and Moscow.

When a question on the collection of funds for the Zamindara League was answered by the Premier, Mr. Josh in a supplementary asked how much money had been contributed to the League funds by the Development Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh.

The Premier retorted: How much money is the Hon'ble Member getting from Russia and Moscow.

Great excitement followed this retort and Mr. Josh characterised Premier's remark as a "damnable lie."

Raja Ghaznafar Ali (Muslim League) rising on a point of order asked the Speaker whether under the Assembly rules the subject of a foreign government and especially that of an Allied power could be discussed by the Premier. The Premier, he said, had insinuated against the Hon'ble Member by suggesting that he was getting money from Russia secretly. Raja Ghaznafar Ali requested the Speaker to ask the Premier to withdraw such an irresponsible statement.

The Speaker, however insisted on Mr. Josh withdrawing the words "damnable lie" and on his refusal to do so asked him to leave the House.

Mr. Josh left the chamber saying that he would leave the House rather than withdraw his words.

BAN ON LEAGUE PROCESSION

After question hour, Raja Ghaznafar Ali (Muslim League) sought the leave of the House to move a motion of adjournment to discuss the refusal of the District Magistrate, Lahore, to allow a procession on the occasion of the next session of the All-India Muslim League. As the requisite number of members did not rise in support of the motion, it fell through.

Malik Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana, Premier, however, seized the opportunity to explain that no political processions had been allowed by the Government in Lahore since the Khaksar disturbances of 1940. This he said, had been the consistent policy of the Government during the past years and that no disrespect was intended towards any leader.

"FASCIST METHODS OF BENGAL GOVT."

Opposition's Criticism

CALCUTTA, March 14. (A.P.I.): The budget demand under the head, "Jails and Convict Settlement" was discussed in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

Mr. Nishitha Nath Kundu (Unofficial Congress) moved a cut to discuss the "failure of Government to look to the grievances and amenities of the political, security and other prisoners, Lack of control over the jail administration, lack of supervision and failure of Government to release political and security prisoners.

Mr. Kundu said that Government had not only failed to effect wholesale release of security prisoners, but had also failed to release even those prisoners who were suffering continuously from complicated diseases. He read letters from a number of ailing security prisoners describing the state of their health and complaining about the inadequacy of the allowance sanctioned for their families.

Complaining about the manner in which censoring was done, the speaker showed before the house a letter which had been completely "blacked out".

Mr. Atul Chandra Sen (Unofficial Congress) moved another cut motion to discuss the "continued detention of a large number of security prisoners and detenus though the security position of the country has admittedly improved."

He said that if there were concentration camps in Hitlerite Germany and Fascist Italy there was no dearth of them in British India, specially in Bengal.

The Home minister of the Government of India might fret and fume at Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit. But different jails in Bengal offer the irrefutable logic of facts to world opinion. While Government have detained a large number of men and women without trial for an indefinite period, why fight shy of the term 'concentration camp'. With the virtual collapse of Hitlerite Germany and the receding away of the Japanese menace form no justification at the present moment for keeping a large number of men and women in detention.

Replying to the debate, Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, Chief Minister said that most of the grievances of the security prisoners had been removed. So far as criticism against jail administration with reference to division III prisoners was concerned, he admitted that there was room for a great deal of improvement. The general level of the health of prisoners in Bengal jails was good and compared favourably with that of prisoners in other provinces.

The cut motions were lost without a division and the demands which had been moved by Sir Nazimuddin passed.

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ZAMINDARI SYSTEM TO BE ABOLISHED

Govt. Machinery Set Up To Implement Recommendations Of Revenue Commission

CALCUTTA, March 12. (A. P.): Two voting of Bengal Government's budget demands for the next financial year (1945-46) began in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day. Three of the demands were voted.

During discussion of the revenue budget, Opposition raised the question of abolition of Permanent Settlement as recommended by the Revenue Commission, the Revenue Minister Mr. T. N. Mukherjea said that Government had already set up a machinery to draw up a scheme for the state purchase of Zemindaris and to give effect to the recommendations of the Revenue Commission.

Hitler Govt. A Nest Of Evil

LONDON, March 14. (U. P. A.): The Moscow Radio quoted Ilya Ehrenburg, the Russian writer, as saying that the Russians are fighting Fascism not only on the battle-field but also on the moral ground because Fascism represents evil. "Our hatred is not for the German children, old men and women but for the Government—a nest of evil".

JAPS SEND U-BOAT OBSERVERS UP IN KITES

LONDON (By Air Mail)—U-boats and Japanese submarines use man-lifting kites to send observers aloft to spot for Allied convoys.

Details of this device are published in the magazine, "The Aeroplane". It says that the appliance is a gyroplane and that this is the first time in history that gyro system has been adapted to a kite for the practical purpose of man-lifting.

"The little gyro, with its observer, is sent up on a light-alloy cable from the deck of a surfaced submarine, travelling into the wind.

"It is not used in the north Atlantic where steady winds and appropriate sea conditions are all the rare; but in other seas it may be quite useful.

"For instance, when the observer, who is always in telephonic communication, signals an Allied convoy and gives its position, he is hauled down and the submarine proceeds to attack the convoy.

"If, on the other hand, he signals Enemy aircraft approaching, they cut him adrift and crash-dive the submarine. The observer has his little dinghy and parachute, so he just stays put in the middle of the Pacific or any other ocean, hoping for the best."—GLOBE.

FOUR U. S. DESTROYERS SINK GERMAN "SUB"

An East Coast United States Port, March 15 (Reuter): A German submarine has been sunk in mid-Atlantic by four United States destroyer escorts after a long depth charge attack, announces Admiral Jonas Ingram, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet.

NAGARSETH OF GANDEVI DEAD

GANDEVI, (By Mail).

Sudden and sad death of Shri Chhotalal Kasidas, the popular Nagarseth of Gandevi occurred on 13th inst. under tragic circumstances while he was tendering evidence as a witness in a litigation in connection with the Lad Mahajans' Dharmashala of which he was the head when he suddenly dropped in his chair. The deceased was the head of the well-known firm of Messrs. Kashidas Jamnadas and Sons of Billimora. His body was brought to Gandevi for cremation.

U. P. FORMS ALL-PARTIES FOOD COMMITTEE

LUCKNOW March 14. (A. P. A.): A "Food Committee" comprising of representatives of all major political parties as formally inaugurated to-day at an all-parties food and cloth conference, which was held to discuss the cloth crisis in the city and devise ways and means to help the people in their distress.

Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman inaugurated the conference which was presided over by Raja Maheshwardayal Seth of Kotra.

The work of the Food Committee will be to "expose alleged corruption and inefficiency in administration, exercise vigilance and social pressure to check hoarding, blackmarketing and adulteration, and in every way help citizens to obtain a regular supply of food and other essential articles at cheap rates and in sufficient quantities".

Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman inaugurating the conference criticised the food policy of the Government of India and said that immediately after the war started Government of every country except India made plans for the supply of its foodstuff. Government of India, he added, was the only Government which did nothing for three years and even when it started the result was the Bengal famine.

The conference was addressed among others by Mr. Gopi Nath Srivastava, Mr S. Mahmudduzzafar, Mr. H. E. B. Catley, Editor of the "Pioneer" and Begum Azaz Rasul.

Professor S. K. Rudra Economic Adviser to the U. P Government was also present at the meeting.

BANIA TO BE ELIMINATED FROM VILLAGE LIFE

Co-operative Societies Take Up Sale Of Food Stuffs

From Our Correspondent

HYDERABAD, (By Mail).

A scheme which may well be copied by British India has been introduced in the Nalgonda District for the supply of food-grains to non-agriculturists in rural areas.

The system involves a double process of collection and distribution. Grain is purchased from big cultivators through the agency of Co-operative Societies and is distributed to non-agriculturists and petty cultivators through Sales Societies.

For this purpose a large number of Sales Societies have been established to cater for the needs of a number of villages grouped together to constitute a unit.

The system having proved both simple and efficacious in practical working is well on its way to become a permanent feature of village economy in the district of Nalgonda. It has been such success that it is proposed to launch it throughout the State with such changes as local conditions may demand.

Generally the head of a Sales Society is either a Deshmukh or a Watandar who commands respect and influence in his "zone."

A simple, and easily workable, formula has been evolved for the distribution of food-grains. First of all the actual needs of every person living in a village are ascertained with the help of local officials and members of the Village Committee.

On the basis of the data thus collected grain is supplied to the Sales Societies for distribution. The supply of grain to individuals is arranged through shops opened in every village and functioning under the supervision of the Sales Society under the jurisdiction of which the village comes.

WADIA WARNS AUSTRALIA

"Get Your Men To India To Share In Post-war Expansion"

SYDNEY, March 14. (Reuter): The unofficial Indian Industrial Delegation arrived in Sydney from Canberra yesterday.

Addressing the Millions Club today Sir Neville Wadia warned Australia that English and American manufacturers were already throughout India taking orders under India's vast post-war expansion plan. He pointed out that so far, not a single order had been placed by Australia.

Sir Neville Wadia said: "You should get your men to India now to share in this expansion plan."

Sir Neville Wadia told the meeting of the details of the Bombay Plan.

Wanted Men Surrender Themselves

(From Our Correspondent)

SURAT, March 15.

According to instructions of Gandhiji six persons Hirabhai Makanji, Namjibhai Fakirbhai, Ravjibhai Chhibabhai, Kanubhai Chhibabhai, Nanubhai Chhibabhai, and Sukhabhai Somabhai have surrendered themselves to Jalalpore Police. The police was in search of these persons since August 1942.

VIJIANAGRAM MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPERSEDED.

MADRAS, March 14. (A.P.I.): The Government have ordered the supercession of the Vizianagram Municipal Council for one year on the ground that "the Council as at present constituted is incompetent to perform its duties owing to the existence of strong faction in the council and that it has abused its powers".

NEPOTISM IN BENGAL

Deputy President Admits Adjourment Motion

CALCUTTA, March 15 (U.P.I.): The Deputy President of the Bengal Legislative Council admitted and fixed next Monday for discussion of an adjournment motion tabled by Rai Bahadur Keshab Banerjee to discuss nepotism and distribution of patronage among the members of the Legislature and the near relatives of the Ministers by the appointment of Mr. Syed Abdul Salim M.L.A., Chairman of the District Board, Dacca, as the sole handling agent for yarn and cloth of finer varieties for Dacca Sadar Sub-Division.

The Civil Supplies Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, said that he did not like to oppose the discussion as there had been a considerable amount of unjustifiable talk and the facts ought to be known to the public.

Yet another adjournment motion was tabled in the Bengal Council by Mr. Bankim Mukherji to discuss the situation arising out of the Bengal Government's threats to supersede the Calcutta Corporation and the latter's refusal to accept the terms of the Government.

RAIL-ROAD CO-ORDINATION

Plans For Net-Work Of Motor Transport

BOMBAY, March 15.

A scheme for a province-wide net work of motor transport services under the joint ownership of Railway Board, the Provincial Government and the existing operators is shortly to be launched by the Government of Bombay.

An official of the Provincial Motor Transport Authority, in an interview, said that the plans were being put through in pursuance of the Government of India's policy of rail-road-co-ordination and it was not anticipated that the Railway Board would raise any objection to the broad principles of the scheme.

It is planned to divide the province into twelve zones each zone will form separate transport companies, and the Provincial Transport Authority will co-ordinate the work of the different units and frame the general policy. Each Company will have its own Board of Directors and Executives. The shares will be divided equally between the Railway Board, the Provincial Government and the existing operators, all of whom will have a joint controlling interest in the enterprise.

It is pointed out that the scheme, when implemented will remove the objection to a single controlling authority, namely, the possibility of unfair treatment of other interests involved in the road transport services.

The financial aspect of the whole scheme is being worked out and will be announced shortly.—A. P.

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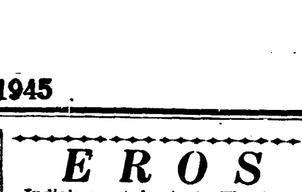

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Highside: 2.15, 14-43
Lowtide 8-23, 20-36

Corporation Meeting today at 2-30 p.m. (Bombay Time).

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Where Are The Dead"? Jehangir Wadia Bldg., Flora Fountain, today 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY BRANCH OF INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE: Dr. H. G. Reissner will speak on "A Family In Figures" at 6 p.m. today at The University School of Economics and Sociology. Meeting open to public.

FREEDOM GROUP: Pandit Sunderlalji, well-known writer and author, will give a talk on "India's Contribution to World Peace" in the rooms of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate today at 6/30 p.m. Sjt. Abidali Jafferbhai will preside.

KHAYYAM CLUB: Under the auspices of the 'Khayyam Club,' Mr. Sajjad Zaheer will speak on "The New World Order" at Omar Park, Warden Road today (Friday) at 6-45 p.m. Mr. Akbar Peerbhoy will preside. The lecture is open to the public.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: Today at Petit Fasali Atashkadeh at 6-30 p.m. Dastur Bode will lead Hambandagi and lecture on "Spiritual Knowledge in Ahunavaiti Gatha."

MATUNGA-SION TALUQ CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Pandit Sunderlal of U.P., will address Congress workers of Matunga, Dadar and Sion, (today, at 9-30 p.m. at the Pioneer Middle School premises, Telang Road, Matunga.

A new morning milk distribution centre has been opened in the OTLA of the Khoja Khanmohamed Habibbhoy Secondary Middle School, 170 Samuel Street, from March 15.

CHILDREN'S WELFARE BENEFIT SHOW: The Bombay Branch of the Nootan Bal Shikshan Sangh which has been engaged in Children's welfare activities has recently opened an Evening Park School at Parel for children. It has now arranged an entertainment for the benefit of Children's activities, by children of the affiliate Bal Mandirs to be held at Sunderbai Hall tomorrow (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.). Mrs. Sarla Devi will preside. Tickets will be sold at Rs. 2 for adults and As. 8 for children under 12.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER and the Councillors of Ward No. 16 (Matunga, Sion) will meet near the King's Circle on Saturday, March 17th at 6-51 a.m. (B.T.) 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to go round the ward.

MR. B. L. SEN: Laboratory Technical Officer of Messrs. Volkart Brothers (Dyes Dept.), Bombay, has been recently honoured with Senior membership of the Textile Institute, Manchester, England.

MEPACRINE & QUINACRINE: The quantity of quinine substitute—Mepacrine and Quinacrine—which may be purchased by doctors and retail chemists has been increased by the Government of Bombay to 20,000 tablets a month to each doctor or firm of retail chemists. In future chemists will not be required to maintain records of sales.

Hirlekar To Publish Book On Indian Film Industry

The Managing Committee of the I. F. P. A. in a resolution has requested Mr. K. S. Hirlekar, the well-known author of books on Soviet Russia, to undertake a publication on the Indian film industry giving its origin and growth from industrial, technical and artistic points of view during the last 30 years. Mr. Hirlekar in the opinion of the Committee is the best fitted for this work, particularly due to his long and seifless devotion to the cause of the Indian film industry and his solid contribution to it by pioneer organizational work during his close association with the industry for the last two decades.

Further, the Committee feels that co-operation in all possible ways should be extended to him by individuals and organizations concerned so that the work should be a useful publication in the interest of the industry.

Chira Bazar Building Portion Collapses: None Injured

BOMBAY Thursday.

A portion of a building, old and weather-beaten, collapsed at Vanka Mohalla, Chira Bazaar, at noon, today. No one was injured but the residents of the whole building—mostly poor Christians—vacated the building immediately.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.
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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8-0 a.m. News (H). 8-15 News (E). 8-30 Gajananrao Joshi. 8-45 Faiyaz Khan. 8-50 News (M). 9-0 News (G). 9-10 To-morrow 9-15 Rangnath Jadhav and Party. 9-30 Geet. 9-40 Ramanath B. Mathkar. 12-30 p.m. Songs (M). 12-45 News (M). 12-50 News (G). 12-55 News (H) 1-0 Ghazalen. 1-30 News (E). 1-40 Music. 5-0 Sadashivpuwa Gokhale. 5-30 Indumati Chaubal. 5-45 Topical Talk 5-55 Locals 6-0 Aunty Hilda. 6-30 News (E). 6-40 News (H). 6-45 News Commentary (G). 6-50 Music from Film. 7-0 Uddhottar Shetaki (M). 7-15 Tarabai Gadagkar. 7-45 Rangnath Jadhav. 8-0 Indumati Chaubal. 8-15 News (M). 8-30 News (G). 8-45 Gajananrao Joshi. 9-0 News (H). 9-20 News (E). 9-30 B. B. C. News. 9-45 World Affairs (B. B. C.). 10-0 "Megha Duta". 10-45 Tarabai Gadagkar.

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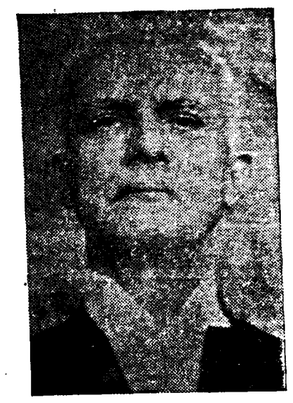
Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to be present.



Mr. N. P. Engineer, Advocate-General of Bombay, has been appointed Advocate-General of India in place of Sir B. L. Mitter.

HEADMASTERS' GRIEVANCES

Deputation Requests Taunton To Increase Various Grants

A deputation consisting of Dr. G. S. Khair (Poona), Mr. R. S. Bangera (Dharwar), Miss M. R. Munsif and Mr. A. K. Mohila (Surat) and Messrs. M. T. Vyas, R. K. Marzban, M. V. Donde, R. N. Vakil, G. V. Gadgil, Rev. L. Raymond, Mr. A. Soares, and Mr. C. A. Christie (Bombay) representing the Bombay Provincial Federation of the Headmasters' Associations met Mr. I. H. Taunton, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, on Thursday noon at the Bombay Secretariat and placed before him the Headmasters' Conference resolutions asking for representation on the various educational boards including the University Senate, and increase in maintenance grants upto 33%, physical educational grants upto 35% and dearness allowance grants upto 50%. The deputation also asked for the reorganisation of the present Headmasters' constituencies on the basis of one representative for every 50 schools, the revision of the grant-in-aid code, the creation of a separate drawing examination board, the recognition of the Kovid Certificate holders as qualified Hindustani teachers, the modification of the provident fund rules enabling teachers to contribute 1½ pies in the rupee instead of the present rate of 12 pies, rules to be framed for the proper management of the Municipal Schools (Secondary), a separate constituency for assistant teachers and the adoption of the salary scales laid down in the report of the Central Advisory Board of Education.

The Adviser in reply stated that he would consider the claims of the federation for appointment of their representatives on the various boards and that Government would also consider most sympathetically the representation regarding increase of grants and other matters placed before him.

Advocate Exmination Results

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are numbers of candidates who have passed the examination for the office of an Advocate of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay held on February 5 and 6, 1945:

Nos. 1 2 4 7 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 17 18 19 20 21 23 24 26 27 28 29 30 33 34 36 38 42 43 44 46 48 49 50 51 54 55 56 57 58 59 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 71 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 81 84 86 87 88 89 91 92 93 94 95 98 99 100 101 102 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 121 122 123 127 128 129 130 132 134 135 136 137 138 139 141 142 143 145 146 147 148 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 162 163 164 166 167 168 169 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 179 180 181 182 183 184 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 202 203 204 205 206 207 210 211 213 214 215 216 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 232 233 235 236 237 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 250 251 253 254 256 257 258 260 261 263 264 265 266 and 267. Total 205.

The Sir Chimanlal Setalvad Golden Jubilee Pride has been awarded to Raghunath Govind Chavan who stood first at the examination.

Result Of Midwives Exam.

The result of the Midwives and Asstt. Midwives Examination is declared by the Bombay Nurses Midwives and Health Visitors' Council. The following are successful candidates:

Midwifery: Nos. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 15 16 17 18 20 22 24 25 26 27 28 29 31 32 34 37 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 50 52 53 54 56 57 60 61 62 63 65 66 69 74 and 77.

Assistant Midwife: No. 78.

Village Panchayats Amendment Act Gazetted

The Bombay Village Panchayats (Amendment) Act of 1945, having received the assent of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, is published in the Bombay Government Gazette dated March 15.

By the new measure, the original Act is amended to provide that revenue and Police Patels should be ex-officio members of village panchayats. The revenue and Police Patels can do much to advance local institutions in rural areas and it is in the interest of local bodies that they should participate in their administration. In the case of local boards they are permitted to stand for election and become members of the board. The participation of Patels in the administration of panchayats is even more essential than in the case of local boards. It is, therefore, proposed to include them in the village panchayats as ex-officio members as it is considered undesirable that they should be allowed to contest election.

National Week Exhibition

The Secretary, National Week Exhibition Committee, Matunga, writes:

Arrangements are in progress to hold a Khadi, Village Industries and Handicrafts Exhibition at Matunga during the National Week, commencing from April 6 to 13. In addition to the exhibits and sales of various village industries' products, there will be a Congress Presidential gallery, a photographic and art gallery.

It is also decided to hold a singing competition of national songs in all languages in one of these days during the week and the best singer will be awarded a suitable prize. All those desirous of participating in the singing competition may immediately communicate to the Secretary, 14, B. I. Two-Rooms, G.I.P., Matunga. There will also be a spinnnig competition.

LAUREL AND HARDY AT REGAL

"Adventures Of Mark Twain" At Excelsior

BY T. V. P.

The arrival of a new Laurel and Hardy picture is always an event with millions of comedy-lovers. "The Big Noise" at Regal stars them anew.

The new 20th Century-Fox laugh riot finds Stan and Oliver cast as a pair of mail-order super sleuths who are assigned to guard a powerful, important explosive in the ultra-modern stream-lined home of the inventor. The plot provides a wealth of hilarious situations that exploit their laugh-winning talents to the fullest.

"PYGMALION" AT STRAND

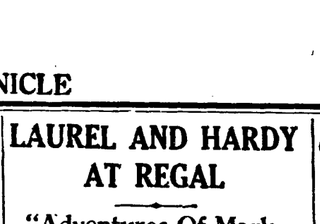
The screen version of Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" starring Leslie Howard is at Strand this week.

Henry Higgins (Leslie Howard) who is a professor of phonetics of world-wide repute, arouses the suspicions of Eliza Doolittle (Wendy Hiller), a little cokney flower girl.

In the resulting brawl he makes the acquaintance of Colonel Pickering, also an authority on dialects. During the course of conversation, Higgins says that in three months, under tuition, Eliza could be passed off as a duchess at an Ambassador's reception. Eliza hears this. She also overhears the address given by Higgins to Pickering and calls on Higgins the next morning, with a request to make her a lady.

Pickering wagers Higgins that he cannot fulfil his boast of the previous night. The latter accepts the challenge. Alfred Doolittle who had followed his daughter to the house relinquishes his rights on Eliza for £5.

With no thought in his minds as to what will become of her when he sends her back to the streets puts



Joan Fontaine and Arturo De Cordova in "Frenchman's Creek" coming shortly to Eros.

her through a rigorous training. To him she becomes merely the subject of an experiment and not once does he stop to consider her feelings.

The day fixed for the Ambassador's reception arrives. Eliza now a creature of beauty, poise and exquisite speech creates a sensation. Everybody wonders who she is and the rumour goes round that she is a distinguished foreigner of royal birth travelling incognito.

The experiment is over. Higgins full of his own triumph has little thought for the girl. He becomes bored with her and quite indifferent to what will happen to her next. She attacks him bitterly for his selfishness and complete disregard for her feelings.

She slips away during the night and the next morning visits her old haunts in Covent Garden. Her former associates no longer recognise her and she discovers it will be impossible for her to return to her old existence. Higgins subsequently finds her at his mother's house. She tells him she is going to marry Freddy and not until then does he realise that he loves her.

An exquisitely produced picture is 'Pygmalion' at Strand.

"Two Girls And A Sailor" is continued for another week at Metro.

Aurora snows "Rainbow Island" in which Dorothy Lamour is co-starred with Eddie Bracken and Gil Lamb. Bud Abott and Lou Costello, will be seen at Palace in "In Society".

"THE IMPOSTOR" AT EROS

The release of Universal's "The Impostor" at Eros this week brings back that internationally famous French star Jean Gabin whom we saw last in "Moontide", in a strong, compelling role. It is directed by Julian Duvivier.

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"ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN"

The fascinating saga of Mark Twain forms the back ground for Warner Bros.' film "The Adventures Of Mark Twain", at Excelsior. Starring Fredric March in the title role, the picture tells of Twain's boyhood against a Mississippi background and of his friendship with Tom Sawyer (Michael Miller) and Huckleberry Finn (Eugene Holland) three rafting explorers of the river, who hunt buried treasure and imaginary pirate's gold. The film goes along showing how the adventures of the river so intrigue Twain that he is lured away from his apprenticeship as a printer, learns to navigate, becomes a full-fledged pilot, takes his own steamer down the river, falls in love with a photograph of a beautiful girl, Olivia Langdon, played by co-star Alexis Smith, of his determination to marry her, his quest for money to make this possible and of his recording of a frog jumping contest which inadvertently launches him on the road to literary fame.

"GET CRACKING" AT EMPIRE

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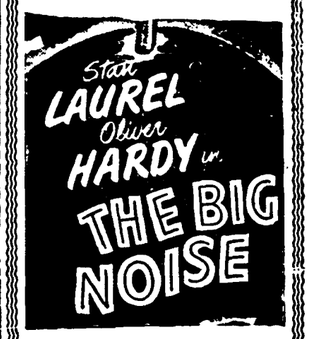

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 15 (A. P. I.): The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours L. M. T. on 12-3-45:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our grand business undoubtedly is, not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

—Carlyle

The Bombay Chronicle

CONGRESS MINISTRY AGAIN

Ministry-making has recently created many surprises. But perhaps the most unexpected one is the formation of a Congress Ministry in the Frontier Province. This move could not have been imagined so long as the League Ministry kept itself in the saddle in spite of its being a minority by keeping several Congress members of the Assembly in jail. But on the release of some of these members the defeat of that Ministry was only a question of days and with that defeat came the question whether Congress would form a Ministry or let the Governor take over the administration under Section 93. The question had been discussed by Congress leaders from all points of view and it appears that the idea of a Congress Ministry had not been ruled out by Gandhiji, who is believed to have urged the local leaders to decide the question for themselves with due regard to the exceptional conditions in the Frontier Province. Yet in view of the general policy of the Congress towards the question of office acceptance, the actual formation of a Congress Ministry in the province is certainly a surprise.

Some critics of the Congress will doubtless charge it with inconsistency. But it must be noted that the present state of things is materially different from what it was when Congress Ministries resigned or when in 1942 negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps broke down. Moreover, most members of the Working Committee are still in jail and the A. I. C. C. cannot meet formally, having been declared unlawful. In these circumstances many Congress leaders who are free feel that provincial constitutional problems should be judged on their merits in the best interests of the provinces concerned. All things considered, we feel Dr Khan Saheb has acted wisely in deciding to form a ministry. Its continuance will depend largely on the extent to which the Governor will be prepared to function as a constitutional ruler. It is said that Dr. Khan Saheb wants to include in his ministry Khan Attaullajan, who is detained in jail and that he has asked the Governor whether he is ready to release all Congress M.L.As. Considering that even in Sind the new ministry has passed orders withdrawing the ban on five released Congress members of the Assembly and that the question of releasing all Congress detenus "is being favourably considered by the Government", we feel confident that the Governor of the Frontier Province will not venture to oppose the Premier. For the rest we must await a statement from Dr. Khan Saheb on his resumption of office and his future policy.

The question will soon be discussed if the Frontier precedent might not be followed with advantage in some other provinces. Presiding over the annual general meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, Mr. C. P. Bramble stated with regard to the presence of the Governor on the occasion: "This is the last occasion on which we shall have as our guest a Governor acting under Section 93". And as if to support his forecast, he added: "It must not be forgotten that the Congress Ministries resigned in 1939 because they were not prepared to assume responsibility for the prosecution of a war which they had no part in declaring. It would presumably suit them to be back in office the day after the war ends; and to ensure that it is necessary for them to act sooner rather than later." The Governor, however, who responded to the suggestion said little more than that he would "welcome the day when constitutional and representative Government was restored". Mr. Bramble's forecast seems to be a mere surmise based on the assumption that the war will end very soon. But whatever that be, his view on Congress attitude towards the war is not wholly accurate. It is not right to suggest that Congress would have nothing to do with the war merely because it had no part in declaring it. The negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps show clearly its anxiety to help the war effort effectively provided it had enough power to make its help effective. It is possible tomorrow for the British Government to accept Congress offer on its terms. Indeed, there are signs to suggest that the Government is reconsidering its attitude towards the Congress. But at the centre as in the provinces Congress can assume office only if it has enough power to discharge the heavy responsibilities of office.

Frankly Speaking

End In April?

The war situation in Europe has now reached that stage where reports that formerly deserved to be ignored as wild may now be entertained with some necessary caution. Such a one is the "Globe" report from Washington that German preliminaries to unconditional surrender may be expected within the next 40 days and that in any case, Nazi Germany will be in death throes by the time the United Nations gather at San Francisco on April 25. The Germans lost the battle of the Oder some time ago. With their inability to check the expansion of the American bridgehead near Remagen, they have now lost the battle of the Rhine. It is only a matter of days before the battle of Germany begins. And the Wehrmacht is in no position to avoid losing it. It is not impossible for the end to be delayed till May or June. But we would not be surprised if Nazi Germany collapsed by April 25.

De Gaulle And Indo-China

It was only to be expected that General de Gaulle and the French Government should display, as they are doing, keen and militant concern regarding developments in French Indo-China. The Japanese coup has given them the opportunity to remind the world again that French Indo-China belongs to France and to re-iterate French determination that France will contribute an adequate share towards the liberation of that country from the Japanese. This is natural enough. It will 'earn for France the justification of her claim and ensure the return of French Indo-China to her. France in this respect is doing what other Empires plan to do "to hold what is ours" in Asia. But while the expulsion of Japan from her treacherous and aggressive conquests by a united liberating force of Americans, British, French and Dutch troops will be a grand and historic spectacle—is the war being fought for the preservation and perpetuation of pre-war Imperialism?

Petain

It is reported from Paris that according to the Public Prosecutor of the High Court, Marshal Petain, whether present or not, will be tried for high treason in May. This is an unfortunate decision. The keen desire of Frenchmen to vindicate the honour of France and to revenge themselves for the agonies that they suffered during the long years of Nazi terrorism has induced into them a spirit of unbalanced vindictiveness. Marshal Petain is in danger of becoming a victim to that spirit. The pathetic Petain is a decrepit creature of many faults, but they do not include treason. The doddering senile old man has always been a reactionary in politics, a vice shared by many a French, British and American patriot. It has been recorded by British and American writers that he is almost by nature a defeatist. If he surrendered in 1940 and tried to collaborate with the occupying authorities it was because by his nature he could not imagine any other means of saving France. His methods can and must be condemned, but his motive was fundamentally honest: to rescue whatever he could from the tragic wreck. What he deserves is not trial for treason but consignment to oblivion in pity or, if necessary, sympathetic contempt.

Historic Battle

Admiral Nimitz announces in his communique that the United States flag has been raised on Iwojima though minor operations still continue. The Japanese themselves have announced to their people that the situation in Iwojima has suddenly taken a very serious turn. Which means corroborating Admiral Nimitz. The capture of Iwojima is virtually complete except for some mopping up which cannot take more than a few days. It was a historic battle. When the details are published the struggle for Iwojima will prove to have been the bitterest and bloodiest even in the Pacific area. But the unprecedented importance that both sides thus attached to the small 8 square mile island is fully deserved by it. In American hands it means that the Japs have lost their eye with which they observed American movements and activities farther away. In American hands it also means intensified bombing as well as blockade of Japan. The battle for Iwojima was the preliminary battle of Japan.

'Radescu Did Not Do Anything Against Allies'

Eden Explains Why He Offered Sanctuary To Him

LONDON, March 14 (Reuter): Mr. Anthony Eden explained in the the British Government had authorised the British political representative at Bucharest to give sanctuary to General Radescu, former Prime Minister of Rumania, was that they had no evidence to show that General Radescu personally had been involved in any anti-Allied activities.

Mr. Eden said that after the change of Government, General Radescu sought sanctuary on the grounds that his life was in danger from political opponents.

Mr. Eden added that the Soviet Government had informed the British Government that the change of Government in Rumania had become necessary by the fact that the Raescu Government was incapable maintaining order in the back area of the Red Army.

P. E. N. ALL-INDIA WRITERS' CONFERENCE

The All-India Centre of the P.E.N. at its annual general meeting on 13th March, took a decision which will be welcomed on all hands and particularly by the Indian writers. A Conference of writers on an All-India basis, the first of its kind to be convened under P.E.N. auspices, is to come off between the 27th and 29th October of this year under the inspiring presidency of Shrimati Sarojini Naidu. Jaipur will be the venue for the Conference which, it is expected, Sir Mirza Ismail will inaugurate.

Very few attempts, if any at all, have been made in recent years in India to focus the attention of writers and thinkers as much on the problems of our country as on those relating more specifically to the growth and development of Indian literatures. With India's diversity of linguistic cultures, and writers scattered all over the land with but limited opportunities of mutual contact and understanding, a Conference such as this can achieve the needed feat of bringing together India's distinguished authors on a common platform for a consideration of their responsibilities to the country and the well-being of their own profession. There is much that the Indian writer can do for his country, particularly under the peculiar circumstances of our times. The Conference is, therefore, a significant occasion in the country's cultural life.

Literary discussions on different aspects and problems of present-day Indian literatures are planned in which several distinguished men of letters are expected to participate. Arrangements are also being made for the visit of some prominent foreign writers for the occasion. The subjects for discussion cover a wide range, from the place of ancient Indian literatures in our cultural life to the problems and the potentialities of contemporary literary expression. Special significance attaches to the Conference in that an attempt, the first of its kind, will be made to co-ordinate the expression of the country's literary genius in stressing India's cultural unity and to mark out the possibilities of the Indian writers' contribution to the problems of our times. Particulars about the Conference may be had from the P.E.N. All-India Centre at "Aryasangha", Malabar Hill, Bombay 6.

LONDON (Wednesday): Mr. Churchill told in the Commons that successive parties of up to 2,000 Dutch children from the battle areas would be brought to Britain on visits of two months, first in camps and later, as guests of private families. The first 1,000 have arrived.

Borivli, Summer Resort Of Mahatma

Training Headquarters For Kasturba Memorial Workers

BOMBAY Thursday.

The picturesque village of Borivli—slumbering in its sylvan surroundings of jungle and caves within picnicking distance of Bombay—is to have the honour of training the first batch of women village-workers under the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial scheme.

Mahatma Gandhi himself will personally supervise the camp, as the village is also to have the added honour of being summer resort of the Mahatma.

Though less than 22 miles north of the city, Borivli still remains a beauty spot, reposing in its pristine charm. Foreign settlers have given it an orphanage and a Church—two emblems of peace with their symbolic message to the philosopher and thinker. The village lies between Green Hills on the east and the Azure Arabian sea on the other—the undulating valley studded with toddy-mango groves. The village Church perched on the top of a ruined Portuguese Fort 400 years old commands a panoramic view of the whole countryside of mountains, marsh and a rippling river snaking away at a distance.

Not far from the village lie the ruins of some ancient caves, while five miles off to the east are the famous Kaneri Caves which are as well known for their ancient sculptural monuments as the Elephanta Caves.

The shape of the Indian village to come may very well be moulded at this camp where 80 picked women from all provinces will receive their all-round training. The camp is pitched in a clearing in the heart of woods and Mahatma Gandhi will be accommodated in a spacious bungalow a little distance away from the camp to enable the trainees to secure the benefit of his guidance and advice.

The curriculum for the training classes is now under preparation and will include subjects which affect the villager every day. The students will, among other things, be given some general education and training in village sanitation. Particular emphasis will be laid on measures to fight malaria, and Borivli which is badly affected by this wasting fever, will provide them a good training field for the task which they will have to tackle in their future work in villages.

The trainees who have been chosen by Provincial Committees of the Kasturba Fund will pledge themselves to social service in rural areas, and their training will include a thorough study of Indian rural conditions provided by nearly 83 villages around Borivli.

The camp will comprise sixteen huts each accommodating five trainees and a parade ground and flag post. A model rural library, consisting of 2,500 volumes is part of the equipment of the camp.

The camp is to be run on Spartan lines and the rigid rules will allow no outsider to be housed within the camp.

At the end of the four weeks' intensive training at the camp, it is expected to hold an exhibition on village life, sanitation, medical aid, literacy and food.

After training, these women will return about the middle of May to their places to start provincial camps.

The organisers of the Kasturba Fund scheme expect that at the end of one year, there will be over 6,000 trained women workers in the whole of the country, who will form the nucleus of the new rural India which Gandhiji visualises.

Meanwhile, the Camp Committee has sent a questionnaire to all District Committees in the country on the extent of social work done in their villages by them or in co-operation with other bodies, with a view to coordinating the work with the help of trained workers.

The camp committee have already approached the Civil Supplies Department, Bombay, for supply of rations for about 150 inmates of the camp for a period of six weeks.—A.P.

LEADERS' RELEASE FIRST, ASSERTS GANDHIJI

WARDHAGANJ, March 14 (U.P.I.) Mr. A. Kaleshwar Rao, former Chief Parliamentary Secretary to the Madras Government and a member of the Andhra Deputation which waited on Mahatma Gandhi recently, told the "United Press":—

"Entirely misleading report appeared in some papers to the effect that the Andhra Deputation discussed with Gandhiji the attitude which the Congressmen should adopt towards the official and officially sponsored organisations and that Gandhiji told us that we might co-operate with official bodies if we thought that such co-operation was in the best interest of the country. I must say that the report is entirely baseless. The policy of the Congress continues to be one of non-co-operation with officials and with officially sponsored organisations until a real National Government is established at the Centre with the approval of the Congress Working Committee. No such general question, as mentioned in the report, was put by us, nor has any reply, as mentioned in the report given by Gandhiji.

"Another question put to him was whether the Congress bodies could apply to officials for permission to hold public meetings, processions or training camps in any district where a prohibitory order by the District Magistrate that no public meeting, processions or training camps can be held without previous official permission is enforced. Gandhiji replied that no such permission should be applied for."

Mr. Kaleshwar Rao stated further that in Gandhiji's opinion neither an All-India Congress organisation, nor an All India Kisan Congress organisation should be formed till the Congress President and the members of the Congress Working Committee are released and take up the work.

KASTURBA GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Work In The Suburbs Of Bombay

A committee has been formed in the suburbs with a view to carry out social welfare work amongst women and children on behalf of the Kasturba Fund. The following are the fifteen members of the Suburban District Utilisation Committee.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Mrs. Maniben Nanavati, Mrs. Hanifa Fatehalli, Mrs. Kumrumisa Ali, Dr. Mrs. Sarah Rodrigues, Mrs. Shirinben Havewalla, Miss Sumati Vaidya, Miss Nalini Subnis, Mr. Purshotam Kenji, Mr. Ramdeoji Podar, Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Mr. Ratilal Mehta, Mr. Jabir A. Ali, Dr. Laxmanrao Dandekar and Mr. J. M. Ferreira.

The welfare work will be taken up in those villages which are neither under the control of the Municipality nor come under the heading of Notified Areas. The work to be done could be shortly summarised under three headings: Medical, educational and industrial. It has been decided to open three working centres at convenient places easily approachable by bus or other conveyances from the nearest railway stations. Each centre will be in the hands of an efficient lady organiser with two lady assistants one for educational work and the other to give medical aid. All these will be qualified persons in their respective lines, but they will be given additional training as and when necessary and convenient.

The head office will be in the suburbs in charge of a fulltime lady secretary, who will also be responsible for the work in the centres. She will visit the centres at regular intervals and give guidance and instructions to the workers as and when necessary.

The estimated cost of running the three centres and the upkeep of the office will approximately be Rs. 18,000 for the first year.

It has also been decided to open a six-week training camp at Borivli in order to take advantage of Gandhiji's guidance during his stay in Bombay. In all about 60 persons from all over India will be able to take advantage of this facility. Women desirous of taking advantage of this opportunity should immediately get in touch with Mridulaben Sarabhai at the office of the Trust Fund, Bombay.

"SCOTSMAN" FINDS CHANGE IN GANDHIJI'S PLAN

Takes Cue From Ministry Formation In N. W. F. P.

EDINBURGH, March 14: No one can derive satisfaction from the existing political deadlock in India but there does not seem to be any way out of the impasse at the present moment, declared the newspaper "Scotsman" in an editorial.

PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES SHOULD BE RECONSTITUTED.

The Scotsman adds that one possible step would be to reconstitute the Provincial Ministries in those Provinces where Congress Governments resigned, but Mr. Gandhi has hitherto set his face against such a return to practical politics. The fact however that the Congress Party attended the North West Frontier Province Assembly and forced the resignation of the Moslem League Government may be token a change in Mr. Gandhi's plans. Mr. Amery is wise to wait until Tej Bahadur Sapru and his Committee have reported".—Reuter.

"Indo-China Throws Off French Chains"

JAP PROPAGANDA AGAINST DE GAULLE

LONDON, March 15 (A. P.) French Indo-China has "thrown off her French chains and declared her independence", the Tokyo radio said today.

The report mentioned Annam and Cambodia, with a total population of 17 millions, as being "freed."

General Charles De Gaulle's broadcast yesterday telling the French forces in Indo-China to fight on was heard in Tokyo, and the Japanese propagandists cited it as "proof that the French Government and the French administration of Indo-China had plotted against Japan" in violation of treaties.

Their contention is another attempt to justify the Japanese aggression which began against the loyal French forces in Indo-China last Friday night.

De Gaulle On Fighting In Indo-China

PARIS, March 15. (A. P.): General Charles De Gaulle, speaking on the French domestic radio network, said resistance against the Japanese in Indo-China is continuing under direct orders of the provisional French Government and under command of previously designated leaders.

"For six days fierce fighting has been going on at Hanoi, Mue, Lankton and Santaj between French and Japanese forces," the French leader said.

"Our troops have offered vigorous resistance and at the City of Monkai all enemy assaults have failed. In Cochin China, local engagements are multiplying."

He reiterated requests for more arms from the Allies with which to carry on the fighting for "Free French Indo-China" and concluded his 8-minute address: "Frenchmen and Chinamen who are looking to us know that we will help. And know well that this fight implies the opening of the door of your destiny."

French General Staff For Indo-China

PARIS March 15. (U.P.A.): In his report to the French Cabinet this morning on the situation in French Indo-China, the Minister for the Colonies, M. Andre Giacobi, disclosed a French General Staff had been sent there several months ago to organise a resistance movement.

He said this General Staff is at present heading opposition to the Japanese in Indo-China and that French Indo-Chinese forces are at present fighting near the northern border of Indo-China.

M. E. ASSOCIATION

Silver Jubilee Conference And Exhibition

During the past few weeks several Engineering Institutions in this country have held their Annual Conferences. Another scheduled for this week is the 25th Annual Conference of M. E. Association i.e. Silver Jubilee Conference and Exhibition which is to be held under the Presidentship of Mr. T. R. S. Kynnesley, Chief Engineer, The Concrete Association of India.

Mr. G. F. S. Collins, Adviser to Governor of Bombay, will inaugurate the Annual Conference on Saturday March 17th at 3 p.m. in the Conference Hall of the Electric House, Colaba.

Technical papers on topical subjects of considerable interest to most engineers will be read and discussed

EXHIBITION AND FILM SHOW AND VISITS

The exhibition is arranged in Car Park Ground of B.E.S.T. in Ormiston Road which includes sections of Engineering, Machinery, Industries Railways and Transport. The exhibition is open to the public from Saturday 17th inst. to 21st inst. between 5 to 8 p.m., admission being free.

VISIT ON SUNDAY 18TH

The members will pay a visit to the Asbestos Cement Co., Ltd. works at Mulund and from there members will visit the M. Best Cotton Rope Factory at Thana.

Milk Order In Suburbs Too

Ration Cards Registration To Start Shortly

The City of Bombay Milk (Supply to Children and Expectant and Nursing Mothers) Order, 1944, has been amended by the Government of Bombay in order to extend its application to the Municipal areas of the Bombay Suburban District. The amendments have been published in the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary of March 15, 1945. The Order will now be called the City of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District Milk (Supply to Children and Expectant and Nursing Mothers) Order, 1944, and will come into force in Bandra, Kurla, Parle-Andheri, Ghatkopar, Kirol and Juhu Municipal areas and in Chembur Village on March 16, 1945. The date from which registration of milk ration cards will be started in the Bombay Suburban District areas will be announced shortly.

Milk Quantum Not Reduced To Quarter Seer

Reports have appeared in the papers that the milk quantum under the subsidised milk scheme has been reduced to a quarter seer at many centres. This is not correct. Only eight out of the 448 centres have been affected (A/1, A/2, A 3, A 4, E/24, E/47, F/79 and G/31). Due to non-fulfilment of contracts to supply milk or late arrival of the milk supplies, the card-holders at those centres were put to some inconvenience on Monday and Tuesday. At most of these centres now, milk is distributed at ¼ seer per card-holder. Every effort is being made by the Municipality to get the required quantities of milk to enable each card-holder to get ½ seer at the remaining two or three centres as well, at an early date.

It is however true that the municipality has been finding some difficulty in procuring the additional quantities of milk required to supply to the daily increasing number of card-holders at the rate of ½ seer per card.

PUBLIC WARNED

False Information In Ration Cards

The attention of the public has been drawn through advertisements etc. to the need of giving correct information against all items in the rationing application forms. Despite this, however, it has been noticed that in several instances applicants for Ration Cards continue to state against item No. VI in the "A" form that they did not hold ration cards previously though on verification it is found that they did possess cards previously but that the cards had been cancelled because they had gone out of Bombay for more than three months or that they had deposited the cards on going out of Bombay and lost the receipt or they had lost the cards.

The public is warned again that giving false information is an offence and applicants are required to give correct information against all items in the form concerned.

There is no ground whatsoever for fear that a new ration card will not be given if an applicant were to say correctly that he held a card previously and that it was cancelled or lost. In fact verification becomes easier if such information is given.

BUILDING FOR BHAGINI SAMAJ

An Appeal To Public

Mrs. Hansa Mehta, President, and Miss Bachuben Lotwala and Mrs. Sarojini Mehta Jt. Hon. Secretaries of Bhagini Samaj, have issued the following appeal:—

The Bhagini Samaj has established itself in the public life of Bombay as a premier women's organisation. The public are aware that for the past twenty-nine years it has been working for the uplift of men, women and children without any distinction of caste or creed. It has tried to keep up the ideal of service so dear to the great man, Mahatma Gokhale, in whose memory and on whose first death anniversary the Samaj first started.

The varied activities of the Samaj comprise of adult educational and industrial classes, a Montessori School, a Harijan welfare centre, a club for middle class women, etc. It is a pity, however, that such a useful institution should have to restrict its progress for lack of accommodation. There is no doubt that if the Samaj has its own premises all the activities would receive a great impetus. The organisers have ambition to train women social workers on the lines of the Kasturba Fund plan when suitable arrangements are available.

Bhagini Samaj has appealed to the public of Bombay on various occasions in the past, and the public have given a splendid response. The organisers trust that the generosity of the Bombay public would give as good a response in its present cause —a building fund.

Donations would be thankfully received by Mrs. Vidyaben Munim, Hon. Treasurer, Raval Building, Lamington Road.

MEHLI MEHTA'S VIOLIN RECITAL

Mehli Mehta's Violin Recital with Jules Craen and the Bombay Symphony Orchestra at the C. J. Hall on Thursday evening re-established his position as the leading violin virtuoso of India, if not of the East.

The accompaniment by the orchestra was correctly balanced resulting in perfect blending. Vitali's chaconne for violin and strings was faultlessly executed and exceedingly well received. Mozart's concerto, a much more difficult composition, was rendered with equal competence, the accompaniment continuously improving—the emphasized melodies were duly restrained in rendering to bring out the enveloping design of the composition.

The shorter pieces of the second half probably had a wider appeal, though not causing any descent from the standard set in the first half. Tschaikowsky's "Berenade Melancolique" was given an excellent interpretation, the mood not displacing the substance. Six shorter pieces followed with that very adaptable accompanist Miss Bapai Kapadia at the piano. The wide selection gave glimpses of Mehli Mehta's capability and versatility. It is needless to commend his technique which is faultless. Hubay's "Zephyr" may be specially mentioned for the technical brilliance exhibited in the rendering. The very popular introduction and Rondo Capriccioso of Saint-Saens gave an excellent and fitting termination to a brilliant recital.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, March 14.—Conceding that some Poles would be extremely unhappy inside the divided Poland envisioned at Yalta, Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons today that the British Dominions were now being consulted about offering them British citizenship as "their final security."—Associated Press of America.

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The Government of India, we learn, have set apart an official day for discussion in the Council of State of the San Francisco personnel.

This, however, need not be regarded as a case of Sir Olaf Caroe letting down Sir Olaf Caroe.

There is complete consistency between the Council of State plan and Sir Olaf's stand in the Central Assembly. It's a subject that cannot be discussed except on a Ministerial level and the Council of State alone measures up to a Ministerial level.

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Says a Karachi message: "The Hidayatullah Ministry is now a full-fledged Muslim League Ministry, consisting of four Muslims and two Hindus."

Hullo! Do Hindus also now belong to the Muslim Nation?

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According to another Karachi message four members of the Muslim League Party have resigned from the party because Sir Ghulam Husain has broken his promise to Khan Bahadur Moula Baksh.

It's a remarkable phenomenon, isn't it, that there should be League M.L.A.'s so primitive and backward as to honour a word of honour.

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The Tory party of Britain has pledged loyal support "in the united movement now in progress for complete overthrow of the tyrannical enemies of freedom both in Europe and in Asia."

It's really quite clear. But it would have been better to mention them by name in order to avoid any possible misunderstanding.

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Tea For United Nations
—Headline.

The British Food Minister, Colonel Llewellin at home on behalf of India, Ceylon and East Africa.

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The Associated Press of America reports that the great Harvard University of the U.S.A. has been accused of anti-Jewish discrimination in awarding scholarships.

We shouldn't be surprised. But the remedy is there, easy and quite effective. Punitive measures in vindication of Jews' rights in Harvard should immediately be applied against Palestine and the Arabs.

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Thus Comrade Ilya Ibrenburg: "Our hatred is not for the German children, old men and women but for the Government—a nest of evil."

So that all Germans excepting children and old men and women constitute the Nazi Government. The "nest of evil" has expanded vastly since Stalin first spoke.

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According to "Globe", it is confidently expected in Washington that Germany will be in her death throes by the time the United Nations gather at San Francisco on April 25.

We are glad that Washington agrees with us.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

And it sometimes happens that a man is married to his boss.

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When a woman finds time to rest she sits down and does fancy work.

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A woman can get even with a man by marrying him or by refusing to do so.

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Man is made of dust, and with a little too much irrigation his name is mud.

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It's easy for a rich man to die poor. All he has to do is acquire the love suit habit.

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Nothing is calculated to give a self-made man a harder jolt than a bill of fare in French.

Fort Mosque

In the fort area, in Bruce Street, there is a small mosque called the Masjid Mosque which is at present in a very delapidate condition. Every Friday some four to five hundred Musalmans throng there to offer their prayers. The space for performing the ablutions is very limited and the people are greatly inconvenienced thereby. The sanitary arrangements are also very unsatisfactory. It is therefore decided to rebuild it a new when sufficient funds are available and when restrictions regarding new structures are removed.

A committee of seven persons has been set up with a view to approach various charitable institutions and philanthropic persons for raising the necessary funds. The estimated cost of the new mosque will be approximately Rupees One Lakh. An appeal is therefore made to the charitably disposed persons to contribute their might towards the Masjid fund. Members of the committee intend visiting the various proprietors of shops and business firms situated in the city in order to get contributions from them. The funds so far collected have been deposited in the Bank of India Ltd.; in the name of Masjid Fund and will not be utilised for any other purpose. Individual donations big or small, may be sent to the undersigned by cross ang order cheque or money order Cheques may please be drawn in favour of 'Mr. Abdul Latif Dada and Others' and be handed over to the following address:—Mr. Abdul Latif Dada, Kermani Building, 1st Floor 6th P M. Road, Fort. (Tel No 31829).

LATIF DADA.

British Pacific Fleet In Action

AIDING AMERICANS IN PHILIPPINES: CHINESE TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM BURMA AT CERTAIN STAGE

LONDON, March 15. (A.P.):—Tokyo radio said today that the Australia-bases British Pacific Fleet had come into action and now is taking part in operations at Zamboanga on Mindanao in the southern-most Philippines.

ALLIES BOMBARD ZAMBOAGA

Another Tokyo broadcast, recorded in New York, said that bombardment of Japanese positions on the Zamboaga peninsula was being carried out by an "enemy" naval force consisting of "three battleships, three cruisers, six destroyers and some ten-odd transports." This broadcast did not specify whether the ships were British or American.

Jap Attempt To Escape Foiled

MANDALAY, March 15 (A. P.): A number of Japanese trapped inside Fort Dufferin in Mandalay attempted to escape last night and were caught in the 19th Division's artillery blockade, it became known to-day.

Under cover of darkness, Japanese infantry crept out the south gate of the fortress and tried to reach open country by running through the streets. Artillery and mortar fire opened up in the avenues, taking a large toll of the fleeing enemy.

Meanwhile, infantry supported by artillery continued to occupy sections in the south-east and south-west parts of Mandalay. Infantry reached Mandalay's main railway station.

CHINESE TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM BURMA AT CERTAIN STAGE

CHUNGKING, March 14 (Globe): "I feel quite sure that we will, in the near future, inflict on Japan defeats of still greater magnitude", said Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Chinese delegate to U.N.R.R.A. and Chairman of U.N.R.R.A.'s Far Eastern regional committee, on his return to China from a meeting of that committee in Australia.

Dr. Tsiang revealed that Chinese troops will be withdrawn from the fighting in Burma for use in China when the Burma campaign reaches a "certain stage."

ARTILLERY FIRE BEATS INFANTRY

British and Indian artillery fire beat the Indian infantry in a race to close the remaining south gate of Fort Dufferin yesterday, trapping a number of Japanese vehicles inside the fortress.

Individual Japanese inside the fort are still climbing the 30-foot wall to swim the 200-foot moat and escape through the few streets remaining unoccupied by Indian troops in the southern part of the city.

CHINESE ADVANCE TOWARDS HSIPAW

KANDY, March 15

Following is the full text of today's SEAC 'communique':

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Chinese troops advancing on the Namtu-Hsipaw Road are within 13 miles of Hsipaw. Troops on the flanks made good progress to the south yesterday.

In the Mongmit sector patrols of the British Thirty-Sixth Division engaged in patrol action.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: In Mandalay the Japanese garrison in Fort Dufferin continues to resist. The area of Mandalay north of the Fort has been cleared of the enemy. Operations are proceeding against the southern areas of the city.

Our troops who broke out from the bridgehead south of the Irrawaddy south-west of Mandalay have made good progress and opposition in this sector is becoming disorganised.

Japanese supply routes to the Meiktila, Mandalay and northern combat area battlefronts were attacked yesterday by aircraft of Eastern Air Command.

Medium bombers hit a stores area at Kalaw, 35 miles south-east of Thazi, on the branch railway to Shwenyaung. Other Allied aircraft bombed dumps near Yinmabin, on the same line, 20 miles south-east of Thazi.

Bridges on the Rangoon-Mandalay Road and railway were attacked and three were put out of commission.

A by-pass road bridge at Laikha, 115 miles south of Lashio, was destroyed and a troops assembly area nearby bombed.

Japanese ground forces 15 miles south of Hsipaw, in the northern combat area, were attacked and slit trenches strafed.—A. P.

I. A. F. OFFICERS IN ACTION TWENTY JAP AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

EASTERN AIR COMMAND HQ., March 15:—

Twenty Japanese aircraft were destroyed over and on the Don Muang airfield, Bangkok, to-day in the longest fighter mission ever flown in the South-East Asia Theatre. Eighteen other enemy aircraft were probably destroyed or damaged. Don Muang, just north of the city, is the biggest airfield in the Bangkok group.—A. P.

FORWARD AIRFIELD IN ARAKAN, March 15: Royal Indian Air Force squadrons in a massed wing formation flight flew over enemy-occupied Burma one day this week to bomb Japanese wagon lines, artillery, transport, harbour facilities and troop concentrations south-east of Tim Chaung, 10 miles from Tamandu.

They were commanded by Squadron-Leader Shivdev Singh, of Lahore, and Flight-Lt. Asghar Khan, of Kashmir State.

"As we flew over the target our troops sitting astride a ridge 1,000 yards away fired smoke mortars on it. As soon as the target had been indicated we dive-bombed with thousands of pounds of high explosive" said Fl.-Lt. Akhtar of Gujranwala, Punjab.

On a road 300 yards east of the objective Flight-Lt. Engineer of Bombay, who was leading a flight, saw three enemy tanks. His flight registered 20 cannon hits on one of the tanks.

Ground opposition and fire from tank turrets were met but all the Hurricanes returned safely.

KOISO CONFERS WITH JAP STATESMEN

TOKYO, March 15 (Reuter): The Japanese News Agency to-day reported that the Japanese Prime Minister, General Kuniaki Koiso, had a conference with Japanese statesmen yesterday, lasting three hours and twenty minutes. They discussed "the war situation and other vital current affairs."

The Japanese report said that in every district of Japan "civilian special attack corps" are being organised for the defence of the homeland against a possible enemy invasion. One district has already completed preparations and is now organising its entire population into such corps.

GIGANTIC EXPLOSION IN OSAKA ARSENAL

GUAM, March 15 (Reuter): A gigantic explosion during yesterday's Super-Fortress raid on Osaka is believed to have been in the Osaka arsenal which covers 150 acres, and the most important in Japan, it is announced by General Lemay, Chief of the 21st Bomber Command.

GIGANTIC EXPLOSION

Two Super-Fortresses were caught in the explosion, General Lemay added. One flying at 7,000 feet was hurled to 10,000 by "a tremendous ground explosion." Swooping then to within 2,000 feet of the ground the pilot recovered control and returned to his base.

The other was shot up from 7,000 to 11,000 feet by the blast. It turned over in the air and went into a roll. The pilot recovered control at the same distance from the ground and flew the cripled plane back.

The Osaka arsenal produces a sizable amount of Japanese armament including anti-aircraft guns, rifles shell cases, machine-guns, bombs and fuses. Spacious ground houses the chief works and research laboratory.

74 AXIS SHIPS SUNK IN FAR EAST

LONDON, March 15 (Reuter): British submarines have sunk or damaged nearly 100 Axis ships in Far Eastern waters during recent patrols, says an Admiralty 'communique' today.

The 'communique' said: "During recent patrols in Far Eastern waters, submarines sunk a total of 74 enemy vessels and damaged 25 others. The vessels destroyed included a small tanker, a mine-layer, an armed trawler an anti-submarine trawler and a naval auxiliary. The rest were junks, landing craft, coasters and motor lighters.

AUSTRALIANS TOO PROTEST

SYDNEY March 15.—Many Australians have welcomed the protests made in the British House of Commons on Tuesday at the lack of publicity given to British troops. The Australians are perturbed at the growing impression that all fighting on the western front is being done by the Americans. The same position has arisen in the Pacific, where the hard fighting which the Australians are doing in by passed areas still strongly held by the Japanese, is receiving little publicity, compared to that given to the American feats in more spectacular places.—Reuter.

U. S. Flag Raised On Iwo

GUAM, March 15 (Reuter): The United States Flag has been formally raised on the island of Iwo indicating that the island has been conquered.

Admiral Nimitz's 'communique' announces that some resistance still continues. It adds that American Marines have killed an estimated 20,000 Japanese in 24 days on Iwo Island. Yesterday they made gains of 200 to 400 yards in the north-western sector.

Children To Be Evacuated From Jap Key Towns

WASHINGTON, March 15 (A.P.A.): The Japanese Cabinet has ordered the evacuation of children from key target cities, Domei said in a wireless dispatch recorded today by the Federal Communications commission.

Domei predicted Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka—the first three industrial cities to feel the full weight of Superfortress fire-bomb missions carried out by a fleet of 300 B-29s—would be the first affected in the move "to cope with increasing enemy air-raids and the nearing of decisive battles to the mainland."

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SKIM MILK TEA DEMONSTRATIONS FOR HOTEL-KEEPERS

(D & E WARDS)

Demonstrations in the preparation of tea from skim milk powder will be given by the Indian Tea Market Expansion Board for the benefit of hotel-keepers in the D & E Wards to-day (March 16). The demonstrations will be given at the premises of the Ward Rationing Offices (addresses below) from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hotel-keepers interested to learn the proper way of making skim milk tea should go to the Ward Rationing Office concerned at the appointed hour to witness the demonstration.

D WARD—Muzaffarabad Hall, Grant Road.

E WARD—Salvation Army Bldg., Moreland Road.

HOW ACTORS REACT TO STRIKE

Judy Garland Defies Pickets, Goes To Work

NEW YORK, March 15 (Globe): The Motion Picture Producers' Association are considering making an appeal to President Roosevelt to intervene in the Hollywood strike by 20,000 studio workers.

The Screen Actors' Guild 8,000 strong is deciding at a meeting on Friday whether to join the strike.

Cinema trade union officials in New York have been ordered to stand by for strike orders.

Here is how Hollywood stars reacted to the strike:

Judy Garland defied pickets posted by the strikers, and crossed through their lines.

Adolphe Menjou turned up for work because he said he had been threatened with a damage suit if he didn't.

Arturo de Cordova turned back upon seeing the pickets.

Betty Grable, Dick Haynes and Jon Hall went to the set as usual, but production was impossible in most studios.

Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman, co-starring in "Bells of St. Mary's" entered the studios, but Paramount was not working.

Plea For Anglo-Irish Neighbourliness

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, March 15.

In a letter to "The Times", Gen. Sir Hubert Ghough advocates constructive policies, conciliation and reconciliation for the development and improvement of Anglo-Irish relations, and for the restoration of Anglo-Irish trade. He suggests most responsible people will agree that at this juncture, when systems formulated at Dumbarton Oaks and Bretton Woods are on the anvil with San Francisco Conference only a few weeks ahead, it is singularly inappropriate to discuss even by oblique hints a policy constraining Eire in political or international sphere by refusing her all access, economic and social, to United Kingdom.

Sir H. Gough concludes: "I and my friends believe "good-neighbour" policy, with all that may imply of mutual accommodation, and we believe all sane statesmanship is of the same mind.

Purdy Pleads For Transfer Of Case

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The case against Dr. Murray Gow Purdy, described as a member of the Trotskyist Party, who is charged with robbery, impersonation, possession of explosive substance and abetment, when came up for hearing before Mr. Oscar Brown to-day Dr. Purdy informed the Court that through the Jail Superintendent he had sent an application to the High Court for the transfer of his case from the present Court. The Magistrate thereupon adjourned the case till March 29.

Alleged Assault

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mohomed Shaikh B. Salaam is alleged to have assaulted Dr. Printer to such an extent that he suffered a fracture of the jaw bone. This was narrated before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court to-day.

It is stated that the complainant had gone to Sankli Street at Byculla with a servant to see one of his relatives. While waiting in his car, a number of children got into his car. One of them picked up a silver glass and was about to remove another woollen overall when the complainant saw this and remonstrated the child. The accused who was seated close by intervened and assaulted the Doctor along with an accomplice. The accused, however, managed to escape. A complaint was lodged with the Agripada Police who got the information that the accused was to appear in a case at the Mazagaon Court. Accordingly the police accompanied by the Doctor went to see if they could arrest him. They succeeded and the complainant recognised the accused. The accused was bailed out.

ALLEGED LIVING ON EARNINGS OF PROSTITUTION

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Aishabai Poonja, Mohanlal Keshavjee and Idbib Nawabsab were placed before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Girgaum Police Court today on a charge of living on the earnings of prostitution. It is stated that the Vigilance Branch of the C. I. D. received information that clandestine prostitution was being carried on in a large scale at a certain building at Erskin Road near the Null Bazaar Police Chowky and for supplying Muslim girls certain sums between Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 were being charged. S. I. Rane, was deputed to conduct a raid after sending a bogus customer with marked currency notes.

It was alleged that the money derived from this profession were divided half by the accused and the other half was given to the woman concerned.

The Magistrate ordered the accused to be released on bail of Rs. 100 or be remanded in police custody till March 29.

PORBUNDAR RULER ENTERTAINED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

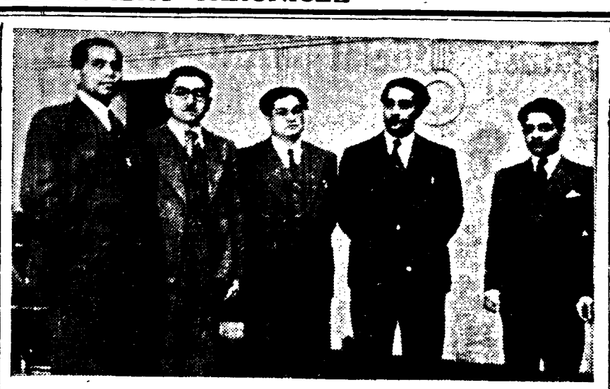
Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Sir H. P. Mody, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta and others were the hosts this evening at a dinner to H. H. the Maharana of Porbandar. His Highness was accompanied by the Yuvraj of Porbandar.

Among those present were Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Sir H. P. Mody, Sir C. B. Mehta, Sir Homi Mehta, Sir Leonard Stone, Sir Victor Sassoon, all the Advisers to the Governor except Sir H. P. Knight, Sir Francis Low, Sir C. D. Deshmukh, Mr. Oscar H. Brown, and Mr. M. A. Master.

Requisitioning Of Buildings On Reclamation

With reference to Sir Cowasji Jehangir's question in the Central Assembly on March 14 regarding the requisitioning of the two buildings "Sea Green" and "Chateau Windsor" on the Reclamation, Bombay, the report should read as follows:

Mr. C. M. Trivedi, War Secretary replied: "I am examining whether I should ask the military authorities temporarily to suspend further steps for obtaining possession of the two specific buildings mentioned by my honourable friend".



Afghan Mission on a visit to the All-India Radio on March 12. (L to R) Mr. B. V. Baliga (Acting Chief Engineer, A. I. R.), Mr. Said Kassim Khan Rishtya Vice-President, Afghan Government, (Press Department), Mr. Abdul Hai Habibi (President, Pushto Tolana, Kabul), Mr. Abdur Rahman Pajwak (Director-General of Information, Afghan Government) and Mr. A. A. Hamid (Acting Director-General, A.I. R.)

Lord Hailey As Empire Adviser To San Francisco

INDIAN PERSONNEL TO COUNTERACT MRS. PANDIT'S CAMPAIGN IN U. S. A.?

LONDON, March 14 (U. P. A.): One or two members of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Relations Conference may accompany the Empire Delegates to the San Francisco Conference, it was learned to-day.

If the Indians address meetings in the United Staes, writes a United Press of America correspondent, they will do so on their own and not as spokesmen for the India Government.

The suggestion that they have been approached to counteract Mrs. Pandit's activities has been disavowed both by the India Office and themselves. However, admittedly none of them share the views that Mrs. Pandit is expounding in the United States.

United Press of America correspondent learned that Lord Hailey, British Empire colonial expert, may go to San Francisco as an Empire Adviser.

It is also understood that General Smuts was expected in London "en route" to the Conference. While Smuts would be a supporter of Churchill's expire policy, the Dominions and India will definitely tender differing viewpoints, the United Press of America correspondent says, adding that each have other conceptions of regional groupings of world security and the proposed international mandatory system for the administration of politically and socially undeveloped colonies. On the other hand, Britain will not tolerate the idea of dictation from an international mandatory commission which would affect the sovereign rights of the British Crown.

Trusteeship For Dependent Areas

WASHINGTON, March 14 (U. P. A.): It was learned authoritatively to-day that the Big Three agreed at Yalta to give the new international organization being planned authority to create trusteeship for dependent areas.

The Big Powers decided to consult on the subject before the San Francisco meeting at which the world security organization will be established.

The details of the trusteeship Plan which would replace the League of Nations mandate system will be worked out at next month's conference.

There is no indication yet whether it would be limited to previous league mandates or would be extended to other bonafide colonial area.

The United States will go to San Francisco with specific proposals for the creation of an International Trusteeship of Mandated Countries whereby a committee of several countries would be responsible for areas with the ultimate aim of leading then toward independence, instead of one country being responsible.

It is expected that congressional opponents of the United States entering any world organization will use the suggestion as a new lever to seek support for their contentions. However, it is expected that on the whole, the plea will receive the endorsement of most quarters as eliminating the dangers of exploitation in these areas by any single country to the detriment of other countries. It was pointed out that Japan's easy conquest in the South-West Pacific regions was due, in the main, to years of occupancy of Mandated Islands.

Anglo-French Attitude

NEW YORK, March 14 (U. P. A.): William Simms, New York World Telegram Columnist, noting the "growing disinclination" to spend American lives and money to "reconquer anybody's colonies", said taht now that Japan's defeat is inevitable, the fate of Japanese occupied Asiatic colonies is "assuming an increasingly explosive character".

Simms said: "The British and French suspect the United States intends to urge independence for all colonial possessions."

He said that neither the French nor the British like the suggested international trusteeship and said that undoubtedly the United States would like to see the colonies independent but forces that the French and British want to keep their colonies, while Russia is likely to take Manchuria, Korea and the Kurilos, thus conflicting with Chinese aims.

VENUE OF 'FRISCO CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 15 (Reuter). The Mayor of San Francisco, Mr. Roger Papham, has announced that the War Memorial Opera House adjacent to the War Veterans Building will be the place of the United Nations Conference in April, according to the New York "Times" to-day.

It is now indicated that there may be 3,500 delegates, advisers and correspondents there.

INDIAN STATES AND SAN FRANCISCO

LONDON, March 15: The Indian Delegation to the San Francisco Conference was referred to in the Commons to-day when Sir George Schuster (Liberal National) asked Mr. Amery if in view of the splendid contribution to the war effort made by the Indian States it was proposed to include representatives of such Sates among the Indian delegation.

Mr. Amery replied: Yes, the Government of India has announced that India will be represented by Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Sir Firoz Khan Noon, who represent British India, and Sir V. T. Krishnamachari who represents the Indian States.

Mr. Gallacher (Communist): Would it not be very desirable if India as whole were represented at San Francisco as an independent State?

No reply to this supplementary question was given.

Mr. Granville (Independent) asked if Mr. Amery's original reply meant that India would be invited to be represented at the preliminary Commonwealth Conference in London.

Mr. Amery: Yes, India will certainly be represented at that Conference.—Reuter.

MACKENZIE KING 'FRISCO CHAIRMAN?

LONDON, March 15 (Globe): There is wide belief in Washington says a report reaching here, that Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, will be chairman of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

Although the report is neither confirmed nor denied in official quarters, it is said that President Roosevelt has already discussed plans for the Conference with Mr. Mackenzie King.

Egyptian Premier To Lead 'Frisco Delegation

CAIRO, March 15 (Globe): It has been officially announced that the Egyptian delegation to the San Francisco conference will be led by the Prime Minister.

Chiang Unlikely To Attend San Francisco

CHUNGKING, March 15 (A.P.): A Chinese spokesman told a press conference yesterday he doubted that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek would attend the San Francisco conference of the United Nations, beginning April 25, because of the necessity of his attendance at the sessions of the Kuomintang opening May 6.

'Nothing Will Come Out Of 'Frisco Conference', Says Sastri

MADRAS, March 14. (U.P.I.): The view that nothing would come out of the San Francisco Conference was expressed by the Right Hon'ble V. S. Srinivas Sastri in an interview to the "United Press"

Mr. Sastri referred to the selection of India's delegates by the Government of India and said that the choice of the Government met with his entire disapproval. He characterised the Government's decision as very unwise and added: "Nothing will come out of the Conference. There is no use in my attempting to say anything more".

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 15.

The market improved further on good buying support and a fair turnover took place round almost all sections. Government securities kept steady.

Following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 2-3/4 p c loan 1948/52 100 a ls three per cent defence loan 1949/52 Poxi three per cent loan 1953/55 100/4 three per cent loan 19/3/55 99 s lot three per cent Victory 1957 99/14 three per cent loan 1966/68 98/9 three-half per cent Government Paper 99/12 three-half per cent loan 1947/50 103/8.

COTTONS: Basanti 12/15 Dunbar 316 Bengal Nagpur 42/8 Muir Mills 432 New Victoria Ordy 7/10 Do (Pref) 9/2.

COALS: Amalgamated 54/4 Bengal 75 Bhalgora 21/8 Bokaro and Ramgur 49/12 Burrakur 43/9 Burra Bhemo 13/4 East Indian 39/13 Ghusick and Musli 16/14 Lakurka 54/2 Nazira 23/10 New Beerbhoom 41/2 Parasea 11/5 Satpukuria and Asansol 11/11 South Karanpura 30/14 Equitable 70 New Churulia 14 Sendra 25/4.

JUTES: Anglo-India 470 Hbally 368 Baranagore 229 Budge Budge 492 Cheviot 328 Chitavaisah 34/12 Ganges 565 Gourepore 890 s lot Howrah 88/8 Kamarhaity 695 Kanknarrah 581 Megna 124 New Central 614 Orient 278 Presidency 12/13 Reliance 623 Auckland 342 Champdany 262 s lot India 713 s lot Nuddea 131 Ct.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 5/12 Indian Copper 3/1 Consolidated Tin 3/12 Dalmia Cement 17/4 Braithwaite and Co 12/13 C Div B I Elec Cons 19/7 Indian Iron 40/5 Do Steel Corp Ordy 33/12 Do (Pref) 142 Jessop and Co 24/14 Saraniheng 10 Aluminium Corpn 15/11 Indian National Airways 25/6 British Burma Petroleum 5/5 Bengal Paper 228 India Paper Pulp 230 Titaghur Paper 28/6 Midnapore Zemindary 172.

SUGARS: Begsund 16/1 Carew 27/14.

TEAS: Banarhat 918 Gungaram 626 Loobah 18/13 Patrakola 1335 Birpara 435 Pathemara 15/10 Teloijan 14/6. —A. P.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, March 15.

Fears of bull squeeze in Calico resulted in narrow trading and small price range. Calico opened 1460 went up to 1467 and closed 1464.

Calico 1464; Ambika 494; Jupiter 372; New National 425 New Commercial 755 Bhalkia 185; Morris 156; Marsdon 195; Monogram 165; Mafatlal 1515; Ramkrisna 428/12/0; Rohit 392/8; Sayaji 347/8.

Central Assembly

Ghaznavi's Searching Querries Regarding Imports Policy

Demand For South African Troops To Be Sent Back

NEW DELHI, March 15.

The Central Assembly continued discussion on the Finance Bill today.

Mr. Fazli-Haq Piracha (Muslim League) complained that even in the Railway which were the biggest employers in the Government of India, the number of Muslims was less than 25 per cent.

Mr. Ghiasuddin demanded that if there were any South African troops in this country, they should be sent back and if there were any South African Officers serving in the Indian Army they should be relieved of their posts at once. Although he would yield to none in supporting the war effort, he believed that Indians could do without these troops and officers.

Mr. C. P. Lawson (European Group) dealt with the blackout regulations in Calcutta and commented on the difference in their application to military as against civilian vehicles.

Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi said the Finance Member would get full credit for the way in which he had resisted every pressure brought on him for the revision of the Financial Settlement of 1940, which thanks to him continued to be the sheet anchor for the allocation of war erpenditure between India and England. Sir Abdul Halim asked for a radical change in the basis of issuing export licences.

Speaking of imports, Sir Abdul Halim asked if the Hydari Mission would being back goods which the country wanted to give much needed relief to the masses or goods which would come in the way of Indian industry. He wanted to know to what extent Indian industry would be allowed to cater to civil demands and to what extent war demands would be met from the U.K. and U.S.A.

On the question of the dollar pool, Sir Abdul Halim asked on what basis 20 million dollars had been allotted to India and whether this allotment war fair in the face of the estimate based on figures given by the U.S.A. Department of Commerce that India had contributed at least 900 million dollars to the pool.

Mr. A. N. Chattopadhyaya (Nationalist) charged the Commonwealth Relations Member with the responsibility for the situation in South Africa and the Information and Broadcasting Member with the responsibility for the deadlock in India.

Mr. A. Satyanarayan Murthi (Congress) charged the Government of India with either selfishness or callous disregard of the industrial welfare of this country. The report that two lakhs of bicycles were being imported was an instance of callousness towards Indian industries.

Mr. H. M. Abdulla (Muslim League) speaking on behalf of the cultivators and rural classes of the Punjab complained that the Government had not done anything to check the fall in the prices of wheat and cotton and other commodities. The price of wheat and cotton had come down from Rs 15 and 25 per maund to Rs. 8 and 20 per maund respectively while the prices of manufactured goods were soaring high.

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.—A.P.

"Elders" Questions

INDIAN DEADLOCK & U. S. DEMAND

Govt. Of India Not Consulted By H. M. G., Says Usman

NEW DELHI, March 14.

In the Council of State today replying to Mr G S Motilal, Mr Ram Chandra, Commerce Secretary, said he was unable to disclose the terms of the proposed Indo-American Commercial treaty and pointed out that it was by no means certain whether handicaps suffered by Indian business men in America would be removed by the negotiation of a treaty of Commerce and Navigation, particularly if the facilities to Indians to travel for business purposes was without prejudice to the existing emigration or naturalisation laws of either country. He added that separate negotiations were afoot for the grant to Indians of right of entry into the United States which would be without relation to the negotiations of a treaty of commerce.

Mr. Motilal asked Sir Mohammed Usman whether Government had seen the report of a letter addressed by 127 prominent Americans to Lord Halifax British Ambassador in Washington urging him to transmit to his Government their request for an immediate release of India's leaders.

Sir Mohammed Usman, replied that Government had seen the press report but were unable to say whether it was correct or whether it received by the British Ambassador in Washington was forward by him to H M G. Government of India were not consulted in the matter by H M G. Associated Press.

TWO LEAGUERS JOIN UNIONISTS

LAHORE, March 15.—Two Muslim members of the Unionist Party, who joined the Muslim League during the last session, have returned to the Ministerial fold. They are Chaudhri Talibhamsain and Rai Shahadat Khan. This reduces the strength of the Muslim League Party to 23 in a house of 175.—A. P.

Sind Profits By Four Crores

Yield From Govt. Trading Of Foodgrains

KARACHI, March 15. (A.P.I.): The Sind Government made a total profit of rupees four crores during the last two years out of its policy of trading in foodgrains. This is revealed in a Press Note issued to-day by the Director of Civil Supplies, Mr. B. R. Patel, explaining the present foodgrains policy of the Sind Government.

The statement says that during the new financial year, a profit of only Rs. 27 lakhs is anticipated and it is worked out on the basis of making no profit whatsoever in wheat and millets because the statutory maxima for these two grains are the same in Sind as in the neighbouring provinces, and it will be possible for the Sind Government to continue to supply rice to the deficit areas at special export rates up to October 1945 only whereafter a change in policy may be anticipated. If, however, for certain reasons it is not possible to charge special export rates of rice, then even this profit of Rs. 27 lakhs would disappear.

The export rates will be on the basis of "no profit, no loss, and it will be realised that the State control does not make and will not make foodgrains more expensive to the consumer nor will it mean a lower yield for the cultivator and the zamindar".

MOULA BUX REVEALS PACT WITH PREMIER

Withdrawal Of Ban And Release Of Detenus Included

KARACHI, March 15. (A.P.I.): Khan Bahadur Moula Bux to-day revealed that the immediate withdrawal of the ban on Congress members of the Sind Assembly and the release of detenus was one of the conditions on which he had agreed to join Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatulla's Coalition Ministry on March 1.

These conditions, according to the Khan Bahadur, numbered 13, and the Premier had agreed to all of them.

The main conditions, apart from an expansion of the Ministry, were as follows: The Assembly to be convened more frequently than hitherto in order to keep in touch with the public opinion, revision of the Government's land revenue and food policies, eradication of corruption in various Government departments and the inclusion of one Hindu minister from among the Hindu Independent Party at the time of the expansion of the ministry.

CUTLERY, JEWELLERY AND ELECTRIC BULBS Etc.

Licence Not Necessary For Imports From U. K.

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 15.

Second-hand clothing, hosiery, umbrellas, hats, caps, cutlery, jewellery, empty drums, safety razor blades, printing types, silver-thread and wire, water-proofed clothing, metal lamps, ivory toys, games, playing cards, air pistols, buttons, artificial leather, electric bulbs, spectacles and its parts, second-hand shoes, glass globes, artificial goods used for health, metal goods (including furniture), and cabinet-ware wireless instruments, electric valves, loud-speakers, cycle parts and accessories, rubber-tyres, and tubes, clocks and watches, bangles, musical instruments, photographic negatives, ex-ray films, slides, artificial teeth all these goods are allowed to be imported without Government licence, only from the United Kingdom (and not from America).

Indian Journalists' First Baptism Of Fire

ROME, March 14 (A.P.I.)

Arriving in Italy from Cairo in a special R.A.F. plane ten Indian journalists, representing prominent national daily papers, drove past Cassino and Rome to 15th Army Group Headquarters.

After a conference with Gen. Mark Clark they visited front-line troops of the Tenth Indian Division where they got their first baptism of fire.

Before leaving Tenth Indian Division's area the journalists visited several other units and were entertained to dinner by Gen. Denys Reid.

Devonshire's Flying Visit To Delhi

NEW DELHI March 15: The real settlement of Burma and Malaya is believed to have been the object of the flying visit to New Delhi of Colonial Office Chief Duke Devonshire. He arrived here on Tuesday and stayed with Wavell for a day and left on following day.

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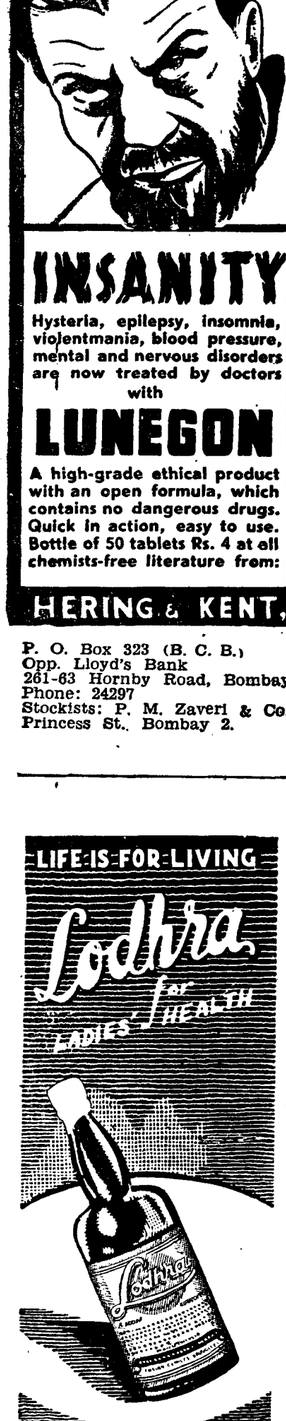

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Patil Protests Against Official "Rush Tactics"

Demands Extension Of Time For Filing Claims To Central Assembly Electoral Roll

"Only ten days' time allowed by the Bombay Collector's Notification to file claims in connection with the electoral roll of the Central Legislative Assembly is too short and bound to prejudice many a genuine claim", protests Mr. S. K. Patil in a press statement.

"There are 60,000 voters already registered in the printed rolls, and I have no doubt that several thousands more must have been omitted for a variety of reasons. The qualification for eligibility to be a voter for the Central Legislative Assembly is assessment to income-tax in the financial year 1943-1944 or a payment of an annual land revenue of Rs. 75. It is the usual experience that a very large number of income-tax cases are always under dispute for one reason or another, and these are invariably excluded from the electoral rolls. To bring all these persons who are genuine voters fion the rolls is not a small job. The process again is very laborious. Four copies of claims must be made on a specified form, in every case, and these must be sent to the Chief Judge of the Small Causes Court, together with hte proof of eligibility which in most cases is the certificate from the Income-tax Officer. It is not so easy to get this for the asking. There is inevitable delay, inconvenience and even annoyance.

ONLY TWO COPIES

"The Government have placed only two copies of the rolls for public inspection. How is it possible for so many thousands of voters to go to either of these two places to ascertain wheher they have been enlisted or not? Many voters are apt to give up the attempt in shear disgust and thereby lose their right of vote. Good citizens of this City are too much fed up with all manner of queues to add one more to see their names in the electoral rolls. The only inevitable result of this position would be that a large number of bona-fide voters will be deprived of their precious right of vote for no fault of theirs.

RUSH TACTICS

"It is ridiculous to expect all these omissions in the rolls to be made good within such a short time as 10 days and at such a short notice. These rush tactics of Government do little credit to their efficiency. They only smack of political expediency. Public bodies and prominent public men must raise their voice in protest against this indecent haste on the part of Government in the preparation of what ought to be as perfect a roll as possible.

"Congress organisations in the City are doing what they can to help the voters in getting themselves enlisted. It is not only difficult, but well-nigh impossible to do even a fraction of this job in such a short time and with so few facilities. I have, however, to appeal to all possible voters in the City not to get annoyed and forget their obvious duty. The right to vote is too precious a right to be to vote is to precious a right to be given up because there is trouble in getting it registered. They must, in all cases, make sure that their names have been duly enrolled. Copies of rolls and claim forms have been kept at all offices of the District Congress Committees. Congress workers will help voters in filling these forms and returning them to the proper authority. I must, however, expect that in the interest of a clean and perfect roll, Government will themselves extend the time limit and help the voters in getting their claims duly registered. The Government do owe this to the public."

LEAGUE FACILITIES FOR MUSLIM VOTERS

The first publication of the Electoral Rolls for the Central Assembly has been made by the Government on March 12.

With a view to facilitate the Muslim voters, arrangements have been made for keeping the copies of the rolls of the Bombay City Muhammadan Constituencies as well as necessary claim application forms at the office of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, Shahru Castle, Mohamedali Road, Bombay and also at the offices of the District Muslim League of E. Ward, F. Ward and G. Ward.

It is advisable to bring income-tax receipts for the financial year 1943/44 or the assessment form so that these documents would be submitted as proof of his eligibility along with his claim application, by the intending elector.

It may be noted that the following are the necessary qualifications for an elector for Central Assembly, Muhammadan Constituencies:

They should be British subjects and should not be under 21 years of age;

They should have a place of residence in the constituency or in a contiguous constituency of the same communal description on January 1, 1945;

They should be holding on January 1, 1945, in the City of Bombay in their own rights, or occupying as tenants, alienated or unalienated land assessed at or of the assessable value of not less than Rs. 75 land revenue;

Should have been assessed to income-tax in the financial year 1943-44 in the individual capacity.

Mussalmans of the City of Bombay are requested to take advantage of this facility immediately as the last date on which the claim applications are to be submitted to the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes, Bombay, expires on March 22, 1945.

MANUFACTURE OF MACHINERY

G. L. Mehta To Head Inquiry Panel

BOMBAY, March 15. (A.P.I.)—It is understood that the Government of India have constituted an industrial panel to examine and make recommendations regarding the manufacture of machinery for various industries, such as textile, sugar, paper, mining, cement, chemicals, etc., etc.

The Chairman of the panel is Mr. G. L. Mehta and among the members are Mr. P. F. S. Warren, Mr. Kirloskar, Mr. Mulgaokar and Mr. K. K. Birla.

MASS PRODUCTION OF INDIAN TECHNICIANS

One Way How Britain Will Repay Sterling Credits

LONDON, March 7.—Great Britain is preparing to make a gesture toward repayment to India of £1,000,000,000 (billion) blocked sterling credits in this country by establishment of a large number of scholarships in technical schools "for training India's future industrial leaders", sources in the City say.

Ultimately, however, it is believed that Britain must repay a greater part of the blocked credits in goods, especially capital goods, but, the informant said, that it is impossible until the conclusion of major hostilities, "and must be affected by Britain's ultimate balance sheet and her commitments in other directions."

Britain is preparing to make grants to cover the cost of students' travel and sojourn in that country and tuition charges in recognized technical schools and universities.

"While there is a limited number of Indian technical students in Britain now, the new scheme would be on so large a scale as to create a veritable Indian technocracy whose members would ultimately return to India and play a vital part in her ever increasing industrialization," the informant said.

Recalling the argument of some Indians that the sterling balances should be treated as ordinary commercial obligations and should be redeemed in cash or in kind immediately after the war, the informant said:

"The only result of such a step would be rapid inflation. Moreover, the present pegged value of the rupee would be even more artificial and might have to be abandoned. Still more difficult is the demand in some quarters that sterling owing to India should be freely converted into 'hard' or other currencies. While Britain may have accumulated certain dollar reserve from cash payments made here by members of the American armed forces, this reserve is certainly already mortgaged for Britain's immensely great debts to America. India probably has far greater dollar credits than Britain."

Greek Govt. Unrepresentative

E. A. M. Asks British Minister Residents To Examine Issue Immediately

ATHENS, March 15 (Reuter): E.A.M. representatives tonight asked the British Minister Resident in the Mediterranean, Mr. Harold MacMillan to set up urgently an "Indispensable Inter-Allied Commission to examine the Greek questions."

They complained that the Government is not representative of the people adding, "we believe that our great Allies will not remain indifferent to the present evolution of Greece giving rise to the danger of further internal and external complications."

CALCUTTA PROFESSOR GETS F. R. S.

LONDON, March 14 (Reuter): Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis of Calcutta is among 20 candidates nominated for the fellowship of the Royal Society at the annual election of fellows on March 22.

He is Prof. of Physics at the Presidency College and founder of the Statistical Laboratory at Calcutta. He has made valuable contributions both to statistical theory and to applications of statistics, particularly to sample surveys of agriculture and population.

Petain To Be Tried For High Treason

PARIS, March 14. (Reuter): Marshal Petain whether present or not, will be tried for high treason in May it was announced by the Public Prosecutor during the trial of Admiral Jean Pierre Esteva in the High Court in Paris to-day.

Before Marshal Petain is tried the High Court will try General Dentz who representing Vichy opposed Allied troops by force of arms in the Levant.

Why Five Frenchmen Never Reached Home

LONDON, March 15 (Globe): Five French prisoners of war served five years in German prison camps. Finally, they escaped, met advancing Allied troops, and started tramping home to France.

They sang and danced as they went, says "Glbe" reporter. Just a few miles from home they decided to rest. They wanted to arrive feeling fresh enough to celebrate with relatives and friends. So they spread their tattered greatcoats in a rest centre and went to sleep.

That night a German shell killed them all.

Tunisian Resident General On Treason Charge

PARIS, Mar. 13 (Reuter): Admiral Esteva former Tunisian Resident-General is being tried for treason by the High Court here. The verdict will be given tomorrow.

HOARE WANTS AN "ECONOMIC EISENHOWER"

LONDON, March 14 (Reuter): The need for an "economic Eisenhower" to deal with the civil problems of Europe after the war was stressed today by Lord Templewood, former British Ambassador in Spain.

He said "in the west and east we are strained for our final effort. But there is a third peak which we have a deliberate and diabolical confusion. Hitler and his gangsters have a deliberate and diabolical plan to destroy all Europe by their own collapse. By plunging Europe into chaos they believe that Nazism will once again appear to many as the only refuge for the future. We need for Europe a supreme commander—an economic Eisenhower and an economic general staff."

Renuka Ray Urges Need For Ban On Women Workers In Mines

NEW DELHI, March 14 (A.P.): Mrs. Renuka Ray, M.L.A. (Central) has issued the following statement in connection with her cut motion on the need for reimposition of the ban on women working underground in coal mines, which was carried in the Central Assembly yesterday:—

During his exhaustive reply the Labour Member of the Government of India quoted from a report of the Investigation Committee on mines, appointed by the All-India Women's Conference in 1934 drawing an erroneous conclusion.

This Committee had investigated conditions in mines thoroughly and in its report weighed the advantages and disadvantages of the ban impartially. As indicated in the report, it came to the definite conclusion that though temporary hardship might accrue during the period of transition, the imposition of the ban was a necessity.

It suggested ways and means by which this hardship could be remedied by providing surface employment of women and payment of adequate minimum living wage to the miner.

SCHEME FOR NIGHT COLLEGE IN CITY

Social Service League Appeals To Public To Further Scheme

The Bombay Social Service League has prepared a Scheme for a Night College in Bombay and has accordingly appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P. A. Wadia to take necessary steps.

The Night College Scheme is expected to fulfil educational expectations of those who cannot join day colleges and is not in any way expected to hamper the interests of day colleges in city.

The League as such appeals to the public educationalists and students to further the scheme.

Demands Of "Inferior Servants"

The Inferior Servants Union, Bombay, in which a large number of "Inferior employees" serving in firms and companies have joined and made an appeal to their employers asking for relief. Their main grievances are noted below:—

Employees in private Firms have no standard basis of minimum and maximum monthly wage. They are not given any fixed percentage of increment per year. They are also not given either housing allowance or any other supplementary income. Their living has been therefore mere hand-to-mouth.

Enhanced dearness allowance to make up for the loss that the servants are bearing from month to month is therefore demanded.

MARWARI ON CHEATING CHARGE

Alleged To Have Secured Goods By Stating That He Was Representing Calcutta Firm

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Sawalaram Madanlal Podar a young Marwari was arrested by the General Branch C.I.D. on a charge of cheating a Bombay firm in respect of some Mill Material valued at Rs. 28,763

It appears the accused went to Messrs. Indian Chemical and Mill Stores at Medows Street and representing himself as the agent of Messrs. Bhartiya and Co. Ltd. of Calcutta purchased some goods from them to be forwarded to his firm at Calcutta. Believing that the accused was the agent of a firm owned by a rich party the material which was valued at Rs. 28,763 was given on credit.

After waiting for some time for the payment of the amount the Bombay firm wired to Messrs. Bhartiya and Co. at Calcutta when in return they learnt that the accused never represented them and the material was not ordered or received by them.

The complainant then made inquiries and learnt that the material was taken by the accused from his firm. It is alleged to have been sold in Black Market by the accused.

A complaint was lodged with the police and the accused was arrested this morning.

At the Esplanade Court the accused was produced before Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate today when he was ordered to be released on bail of Rs. 10,000.

Selling Coal Without License Alleged

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Dyanoo Sakharam and Shankar Ananda figured to-day at the court of Mr. T. S. Vyas, Additional Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court on a charge of contravening the order of the Bombay Government for selling coal without a licence. They were ordered to be remanded to custody.

CONVICTIONS IN ABKARI CASES: During February the Bombay City Police instituted 711 cases under the Abkari Act, four under the Opium Act, four under the Tobacco Act and one under the Dangerous Drugs Act. Of these 328 cases ended in conviction, in three cases the accused were warned and discharged and 389 cases were pending at the end of the month.

Camphor Profiteers Fined Rs. 10,000 Each

Hirabhai Ashabhai and Sunderlal Chhaganlal Marfatia, partner and salesman respectively of Messrs. Narandass Manordass (at Sheikh Memon Street), dealers in camphor, chemicals and colours were charged with breach of the Hoarding and Profiteering (Prevention) Ordinance of January 3, 1944, by selling 300 lbs. of American Synthetic camphor powder for Rs. 575 per 100 lbs. to Messrs. Dwarkadas Devji, and were produced before Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

Mr. Muranjan while finding both the accused guilty observed that the price charged would come to Rs. 5-12-0 per lb. when the landed cost was proved to be Rs. 2-12-0 per lb., that is, the commission charged would be unreasonable, being more than 20 per cent allowed under Section 6 of the Ordinance. If calculated the unthorized profits made by the accused would run into a very large figure.

"Though," strictly speaking the Magistrate said: "I must confine myself to the charge of which the accused have been found guilty, I cannot shut my eyes to all these transactions appearing in evidence in the two Schedules referred to by me."

He further observed that a small fine in this case would be no fine at all to a merchant of enormous wealth and position. He sentenced the accused to pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 each or in default to undergo 6 months' simple imprisonment each.

JT. HIGH COURT FOR STATES

MIRAJ, March 15. (U.P.I.): It is understood that a meeting of the Deccan States held recently in Poona decided to establish a joint High Court for Kolhapur, Miraj Senior, Sawantwad, Phaltan, Kurundwad Senior and Junior, Mudhol and Jalh States. It is gathered that the rulers who were opposed to the inclusion of Kolhapur in the scheme absented themselves from the meeting.—United Press.

CLOTH FAMINE LOOMS LARGE BEFORE BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

For the last two months the public have been experiencing serious cloth famine in Bombay City. From early hours every morning people are seen standing in big queues before the authorised cloth dealers shops to get necessary cloth for their daily use but most of them often return disappointed.

Dhotis of any quality and sarls have completely disappeared for over 6 months and even some of the orthodox Hindus against their wishes have now taken to 'Paijama' in their houses.

SCENE AT CHAMPA GALLI.

A sensational scene of rowdyism was witnessed in front of a cloth dealers shop at Champa Galli some two days ago. It is said that a big crowd was waiting there for many hours for getting cloth when within few minutes of the time for opening the shop, the dealer is reported to have informed the crowd that their quota for the day was over and the shop was closed.

65 Lakhs For Textile Technology Institute

TEXTILE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT AHMEDABAD.

AHMEDABAD, March 14. (A.P.I.): The Ahmedabad Millowners' Association has decided to start a research institute of textile Technology at a cost of about rupees 65 lakhs.

Stinking Water In Mills: Prohibitory Order

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 15.

Bad and stinking water from mills is making adverse effect on the health of people. Municipal Sanitary Committee has begun a crusade against this attitude of mills and one mill (Jehangir Vakil Mill) has been served with a prohibitory order. Similar action against all the other mills is likely.

Control Of Yarn Dispatches

LAHORE, March 14 (A.P.I.): The Textile Commissioner with the Government of India, Mr. M. K. Vellodi, at a press conference here to-day said that all dispatches of yarn to the provinces will be controlled from April 1.

POONA (By Mail): Rao Saheb Narayan Rao B. Lucka, son of late Rai Bahaur B. I. Lucka died on Monday at 11-15 p.m. at Kolhapur. He was a magistrate at Kolhapur.

TECHNICAL MEN FOR KEY POSITIONS

What Indian Industrialists Must Learn

BANGALORE, March 14.

The average Indian industrialist thinks that all that is necessary for the industrial development of India is to import from abroad necessary plant and equipment as also technical personnel to manage. He does not realise that the stream of scientific progress has become so rapid that many processes will become obsolete in the course of ten years," observed Sir J. C. Ghosh, Director of the Indian Institute of Science, recently returned from a tour in U.K., Canada and U.S.A.

Sir Ghosh added that in U.S.A. all industrial establishments were magnificently equipped with research laboratories and their expenditure on research ran into millions of dollars. The men in charge of establishments were eminent scientific men and the key positions in the management were held by men who started life as technical men, whereas our people believe in technical training of Indians only to replace foreign experts. How different it is! I wish our industrialists receive better advice and see more light.—Orient Press.

Collection Of Cloth Export Statistics

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 15.

It is reliably learnt that statistics regarding export of cloth abroad are being collected. Seth Kasturbhai will submit his case based on to-days export in the World Textile Conference and will urge to take such steps as may maintain Indian export markets of to-day.

Eight Bombay Cricketers In Madras

MADRAS, March 15. (A.P.I.): Eight members of the all-India cricket team proceeding to Ceylon arrived in Madras this morning from Bombay.

They are: V. M. Merchant (Captain), V. S. Hazare, R. S. Modi, Mushtaq Ali, C. T. Sarwate, R. B. Nimbalkar, Vinoo Mankad and G. Kishenchand. Mr. H. N. Contractor is accompanying the team as manager.

The three-day match between the All-India team and the Madras Governor's XI will be played on the M. C. C. Ground, Chepauk from tomorrow.

Food Situation Eases In Kathiawar States

NEW DELHI, March 15. Latest reports received by the Central Food Department indicate that the food situation in Kathiawar States has eased to a great extent with the arrival of quotas of millets and wheat. Harvesting of Bajra and Juar has been completed and stocks are being brought to the markets. In addition supplying areas have been able to accelerate grain movements.

Kathiawar's grain allocation under the Central Food Depaltment's 60,000 tons are millets.—A. P.

STATE MUNICIPALITIES' CONFERENCE POSTPONED

(From Our Correspondent.)

GANDEVI, March 14.

The Baroda State Municipalities' Conference and the Municipal Exhibition intended to be held here on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the local Municipality sometime this month have been postponed 'sine die'. The Committee had to come to this decision as H. E. the Dewan of Baroda was invited to preside over the celebration and open the Exhibition could not find time to accept the appointment.

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Bulls Unload Gold Holdings

BOMBAY, March 15.

The Share Bazar opened higher to-day on inflation theory but in the absence of support prices sagged on moderate selling. The market is now charged with peace mentality and is under the process of distribution. The outlook is against any important rise at present. As a result of day's trading Tata Steel Dfds. gained Re. 1/4, Ordinary annas eight while Bombay Dyeings lost Rs. 14/- but Kohinoors managed to improve one point.

The Bull Syndicate is reported to have unloaded its extensive purchases of Gold and quotations registered a sharp decline but later the market ruled steady on cessation of selling pressure, otherwise the trend remains downward.

Cotton market firmed up on professional support but towards the close scattered selling developed.

Share Bazar

The Share Bazar opened higher under the influence further increase in note issue but there being absence of follow on quotations gradually assumed sagging tendency. Tata Steel Dfds. opened to-day at Rs. 2111 and declined to Rs. 2092. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 390 and declined to Rs. 386. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1872 and downturned at Rs. 1860. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 621 and ruled quiet at Rs. 619. The opening steadiness was due to inflation idea based on increase in note issue as per the weekly statement of the issue department of the Reserve Bank. But buyers were cautious while the market is inclined to offer on all up-swings.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

MILLS.

Apollo 4/4/3 4/4
Bharat 61/4
Bharucha (Def) 8/12
B. / Dyeing 1877/8 57/8 66/12 56/4 62/8 55 66/4 61/4
Central India (Ord) 279 76/8 77/8 74/8 77
Century 922/8 25 17/8 20
Colaba 219 21/8
Edward 757/8 60 52/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 85 84/8
Elphinstone (Pref) 122/8
Finlay 306 6/8 4 7 4/8 6 5
Gokak 305 6 2/8 4/8
India United (Defd) 3/2 3/1/9 3/2
India United (Ord) 14/11 14/9 14/10 14/8/6 14/10 14/9/6
Indore 707/8 697/8 702/8 697/8 706/4
Kohinoor 622 18 22 18 20 19 21
Luxmi 1307/8
Madhusudan 423/12
Meyer 213/12 12/8 13/12
Morarjee 695 97/8
New Great 395 94 96 93
Simplex 265/8 63 64/8 62 64
Swadeshi 541 38 41 36 40 39
Swan 330 31/8 31.
Tata Mills 58 57/8
Vishnu 477/8 76/4
Central, Provinces Rly. 107/8

BANKS.

Baroda 142 41/12
Central 82 82/4
Imperial (Old) 1995
Imperial (New 496/4
India 191 90/8 91 90/8 91
Habib 81
Reserve 134/8
Union 9/4

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 233/12
Ajmer 15/2
Andhra Valley 1767/8
Tram (Ord) 147/8 47 47/8
Tram (Pref) 66/4 65/8 66
Surat 222/8 23/12
Hydro 203
Power (Ord) 1877/8

INSURANCE

Empire 1550 55 20
Jupiter 32/8 33
New India 80 80/4 80
Vulcan 16/11 16/10
Scindia 34/4 34/2 34/4 34/2 34/4
Jam Wire 141/8 42
Tata Steel (Defd) 2110 5 7/8 2083/8 95 90 2105 2081/4 92/8 77/8 97/8 91/4 93/12
Tata Steel (Ord) 390 86 87 84/8 86 85 87/8 84/8 86 83 86/8 85/8 86/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 160/8 60/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 432/8 31/4 32/8
A. Cement 232 31/8 32 31/4 31/8
Belapur 219
Burma (Old) 532/8 22/8 27/8 22/8 27/8
B. B. Petrol 5/2 5/2/6 5/2
Devkaran Nanji Investment Trust 26/8
Indian Bleaching 176
P. Construction 215 15/8 15 16 15/8
P. Construction (1st Pref) 140/8
I. A Trust 122 21/4
Shivrajpur 52 53
Tata Chemical 20/5 20/4
Western India Match 326/4
Dawn Mills 1185 82/8
New Union 23/4
Surat Elect (Pref) 193/12

CHICAGO QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO, March 14: Grain prices closed fractionally higher here to-day The following are high low and closing quotations for future deliveries:—

Delivery	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat.			
May	172 3/8	171 1/4	171 2/8-172
July	162 3/8	161	161 7/8-162
September	156 3/4	155 3/8	156 1/4
December	156 1/8	155	155 1/2
Corn.			
May	115 5/8	114 3/4	115 3/8-1/2
July	113 1/4	112 3/8	113
September	110 5/8	109 3/4	110 1/4 6/8
December	.....	.....	107 1/4 asked
Oats.			
May	67 1/2	66 7/8	67 1/2
July	61 1/4	60 3/4	61 1/8
September	58 3/8	57 7/8	58 3/8
December	57 3/4	57 1/4	57 5/8-3/4
Rye.			
May	115 1/8	114 1/4	115-114-7/8
July	113 1/2	112 3/4	113 3/8
September	108 3/4	107 7/8	108 1/2
December	109 1/2	108 3/4	109 3/8
Barley.			
May	112 1/4	111 1/4	112 1/2
July	107	106 1/2	107

(U. P. of America.)

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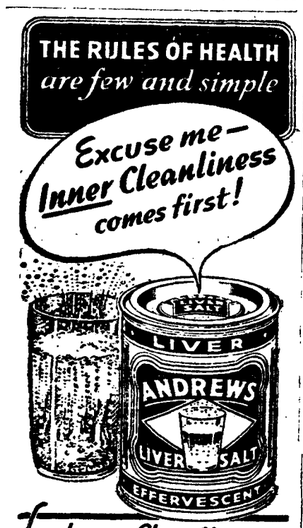

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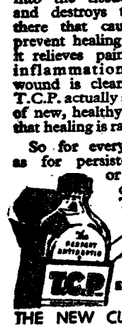

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Failure Of Squeeze

At last the attempted squeeze in Gold met a failure and bulls had to abandon the move A combination of operators attempted to get a hold over the Gold section and were absorbing all available supplies and dictated their own quotations at each weekly settlement. But recently the Bank increased daily selling quantity and prices began to drop.

The Reserve Bank of India sold to-day 34,000 tolas of Gold at Rs. 69/10 and no sales of Silver were reported as it was a mint Holiday.

Trading in forward Silver opened at Rs. 126/8 and quotation improved Rs. 126/14 under scattered buying but declined under active liquidation to Rs. 126/10 and later steadied at Rs. 126. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 126/6.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 69/2 and advanced to Rs. 69/10 but under heavy professional unloading declined to Rs. 68/10 and steadied at Rs. 68/11. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs 69/1.

Later on the market was steady on cessation of selling. But late in the afternoon there was heavy unloading on peace rumours and prices dropped. Quotations were as under:—

Reary Silver	124	10	0
Silver Settlement	124	4	0
Ready Gold	68	4	0
Gold Settlement	68	0	0

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, March 15.

To-day Hundi Koris 353, Silver Rs. 106/8, Gold Rs. 68/4.

Bombay Cotton

The local Cotton Market opened to-day at Rs. 450 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 449 under scattered selling and later rallied to Rs. 449/8. March was quoted at Rs. 444. Trading was light and the market was featurless. Demand for ready cotton remains moderate and undertone was steady.

Under professions support May improved to Rs. 452 but met some selling and declined to Rs. 450/8. At this level some peace rumours encouraged active buying and May advanced to Rs. 455 but reacted to Rs. 451/8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	445	0	0
I.C.C. May	452	0	0
I.C.C. July	464	0	0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 480 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi	Lo.	Closing at 6 p.m.
I.C.C. March	444	439	443
I.C.C. May	451-1/2	448	450-1/4
I.C.C. July	463	459-1/2	461-1/2
Karachi 4F May	47/0/0	46/10/6	46/14/9

MONEY MARKET.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months, 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.

Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN./MONTREAL:

Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.

Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Very quiet.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 1 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1 1/4 p c.

Tone:—Easy.

BOMBAY PRODUCE.

The local produce market was quietly steady with slightly improved demand for Linseed. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS.

Bombay Khandesh quality ...	14	10	0
Bombay Nizam quality	13	14	0
Bombay Bold	13	15	0
Goa March-April	14	2	0
Goa April-May	14	3	0

CASTORSEEDS.

Bombay Ready	15	0	0
Goa Delivery	14	15	0

LINSEED.

C. P. and U. P.	15	9	0
G. I. P. Rly.	15	8	0
N. S. Rly.	15	7	6
Satna Small	15	4	6
Navlakhi Dely.	15	14	0

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 9th March

Demand Liabilities in India	608,30,97,000
Time Liabilities in India	220,06,94,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	26,76,17,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,87,67,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	60,89,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	95,28,76,000
Advances in India	268,19,21,000
Bills discounted in India	14,75,28,000

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

HAPUR, March 15

Wheat 10 Dara Control 9/12 Stock 260 Khattias entirely owned Government Gram 8/12 Barley 6/12 Stock 126 Peas Khattis 5/12 Stock 124 Arhar 6/15 Stock 120 Maize 6/6 Bajra 7/12 Juar 7/6 Urd 14 Moong 13 Cottonseed Desi 10 Chilki 9/2 Gur 9/2 Arriving 2500 Mds bullion rallied sharply on active covering Silver 127/3 Gold 71/6 Guwar Baisakh 6/14/10 1/2 Bardana 55/11.

INDORE QUOTATIONS

INDORE, March 15

Following closing quotations today of shares Indore Malwa 706 Hukamchand 925 Bhandari Mill Vinod Mill 702 Kalyanmal 350 Kalyanmal pref. 181 Rajkumar 219 Indore Bank 94.

Labour Member Creates Furore By Calling Churchill A Liar

Withdraws Remark But Refuses To Depart From Substance Of What He Said

LONDON, March 14, (Reuter): Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister today challenged Mr. Richard Stokes (Labour) to repeat the remarks he made in the Commons last night that Mr. Churchill had deceived the country and repeatedly came to Parliament and lied, cables Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent.

The remark was made when Mr. Stokes was criticising the British tank production.

Mr. Churchill declared today: "I invite Mr. Stokes to repeat his exact words here and now (Cheers).

The Speaker, when appealed to, said the words were un-parliamentary, and if Mr. Stokes took his advice he would be well advised to withdraw them. "It does not do any good to go about calling each other liars" he added.

Mr. Stokes: In view of what you have said, I certainly admit I was guilty of what I think is termed unparliamentary language, and to that extent I apologise to you, Mr. Speaker, and to the House, and I am perfectly willing to alter my interpretation to be that Mr. Churchill and the Minister of Production were guilty of terminological inexactitude.

But in saying that I wish to make it perfectly clear that I don't depart from the substance of what I said. Both this House and the country have been deceived."

The Speaker said that "terminological inexactitude" in that context was equivocal and asked Mr. Stokes to withdraw the words.

Mr. Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, asked Mr. Stokes to withdraw his statement in full spirit and in the interest of orderly discussion. To descend to unparliamentary language would make the House something like a beer garden, Mr. Greenwood said.

Mr. Stokes maintained that he had withdrawn the term but absolutely declined to withdraw the substance of what he said.

After the Speaker had said that Mr Stokes' statement still stood that Mr. right kind of spirit, Mr. Stokes said he was using the Prime Minister's own term (Mr. Churchill first used "Terminological Inexactitude" many years ago).

Mr. Churchill: "It would be grammatically impossible to substitute terminological inexactitude for the verb "lie" in the context, but this particular expression which I used many years ago was not at all used as substitute for the word "lie." It was to deprecate persons using the expression "lie" and showing them that a marked understatement might conceivably meet their requirements, and as such it was accepted with extreme good humour by the House of 30 years ago."

Mr. Churchill asserted that Mr. Stoke's statement still stood that Mr. Churchill and the Minister of Production had been told they had lied.

Mr. Stokes then apologised to the House for using an unparliamentary expression and said he would alter the word "lie" to "come down and deceive both this country and the House".

Mr. Churchill was not satisfied with this and appealed to the Chair for proper protection.

Mr. Gallacher (Communist): As one who has a record in withdrawals, the only and best way to withdraw is to withdraw (Laughter).

Mr. Stokes: I am sorry about this, but the whole substance of my speech was to show that both the country and the House have been deceived. I unequivocally withdraw the word "lie".

Mr. Churchill: Accepted the with drawal of that word.

The incident arose out of the remarks made by Mr. stokes during the debate on War estimates last night

Mr. Stokes then said "our soldiers say that our tanks are not adequate for the job. Thousands of lives have been lost and tens of thousands of young men have been wounded. I don't blame the War Secretary. The Ministers responsible are the Prime Minister and the Minister of production and people who have suffered should know that they have repeatedly come to this House and lied".

Indian To Contest Barnstaple

LONDON, March 14 (Reuter): At the invitation of the Indo-British Friendship Group of which he is Chairman, Mr. P. M. Patel is to stand as the Indo-British Friendship prospective candidate for Barnstaple in the general election.

SPLIT IN POLISH GOVT. IN LONDON

LONDON, March 14 (Reuter): A fresh split has occurred in the Polish Government in London, Reuter was informed today. M. Jan Kwapinski, Socialist Minister of Commerce, tendered his resignation which, however, has not as yet been accepted.

It is understood that the reason is that since the appointment of General Aders as Commander-in-Chief of the Polish forces, the General is reported to have relieved three Polish generals of their positions.

Prompt Stoppage Of March Cotton Tenders In New York

REDUCTION IN GOLD RESERVE AGAINST F. R. NOTES.

NEW YORK, March 14.

The relative firmness of March reflected the prompt stoppage of 18 notices. Assistant Secretary of State's affirmations of large general post-war exports and the Senate Banking Committee's approval of a bill reducing gold reserve requirements in respect of Federal reserve notes and deposit to 25 per cent attracted attention. The threats of coal and textile strikes also attracted attention.

It remains to be seen ultimately what happens about reduction in Gold reserve requirements in respect of Federal Reserve Notes. This is bound to have are important effect on the general financial structure of America.

At the opening July was quoted one points down at 21.87 and declined to 21.84 but later rallied to 21.89. Thus the range for the day was 5 points. Near months closed at a rise of 2 points but distants lost 2 points. Spot cotton price was raised 2 points at 22.51 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.

March	22.16+02
May	22.15+01
July	21.88—
October	21.27—02
December	21.18—01
January	21.12—01
July highest (12-47 p.m.)	21.89+01
July lowest (10-11 a.m.)	21.84—05
Middling Spot	22.51+02

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

March	22.10—
May	22.11—01
July	21.85—01
Middling Spot	21.60—

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.

March	22.13
May	22.11
July	21.85

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 14.

Spot 25-1/2. Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02-1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid Official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47, Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT

Wheat Rosario Santa Fe (New Crop) 42 April quoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £72-1/2, Consols 2-1/2 p c £83-1/16, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £105-3/4, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £105 Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £115-1/2, Victory Bonds 4 p c £113-7/8, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £10-7/8, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £86, National Bank of India £42-1/2.

C. C. C. Cotton On Sale

NEW YORK, March 14.

Mr F. P. Riggs, New Orleans C C C regional chief today said the Corporation is offering Government owned and pooled cotton under the Purchase and Export Subsidy programmes in accordance with terms announced last year.

He said the offerings cover 1934 and also 1937 owned cotton as well as 1941 and 1942 pooled cotton.

Offerings today were 50 points above the purchase price schedule under the Government Purchasing Programme through March, but there was a drop of 45 points and more in April, 40 in May and June, he revealed.

Mr Riggs said the offerings were based on the daily average price in the spot markets for middling 15 and 16 inch cotton.—(U. P. of America).

GROUNDNUT SUPPLIES IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK March 14.—Hopes for larger stocks of groundnuts for civilian consumption are seen in the good progress sheilers have made in meeting military priority orders.

Small sized releases have been made recently from Government controlled supplies although the bulk of groundnuts is still going to the armed forces.

The Government some time ago took over 50 per cent of the Virginia crop and at the same time 35 per cent of the smaller sized Spanish variety.

The definite price ceilings the Office of Price Administration established three years ago put a limit on prices at consumer and manufacturing level and placed a floor under prices at the farmer stage for Spanish groundnuts in the South and a shipping price of 14-1/4 cents f.o.b. at the shipping point in Virginia where jumbo bring 16.1/4 and runners 14 cents per pound.

Jumbo groundnuts in the New York area range between 40 and 50 cent. —(U. P. of (America.)

WOOL CONSUMPTION IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The New York Cotton Exchange Wool Associates today estimated December domestic consumption of apparel wool on a greasy shorn basis at 8,448,700 pounds and on a scoured basis 45,667,000 pounds.

For the calendar year consumption of greasy shorn totalled 1,054,241,000 pounds compared with 1,118,548,000 pounds for the previous year.

Consumption on a scoured basis totalled 577,105,000 compared with 595,342,000 pounds the previous year. —(U. P. of America).

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

CALICUT, March 15.

Cocoanuts Raw 85 Dry 80 Cocoanut oil 340 Copra Office 197/8 Dilpasand 212/8 Madrasnottam 220 Goodgoods 225 Pepper Wynaad 350 Country 345 Dry-ginger Chernad 230 Ernad 210 Coffee Robusta 83.

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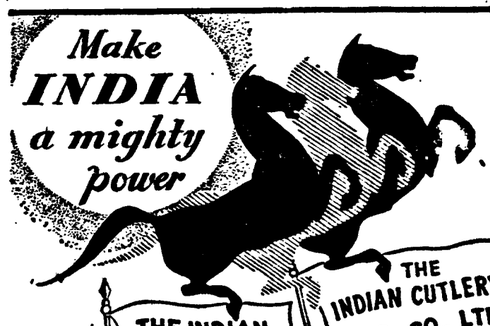

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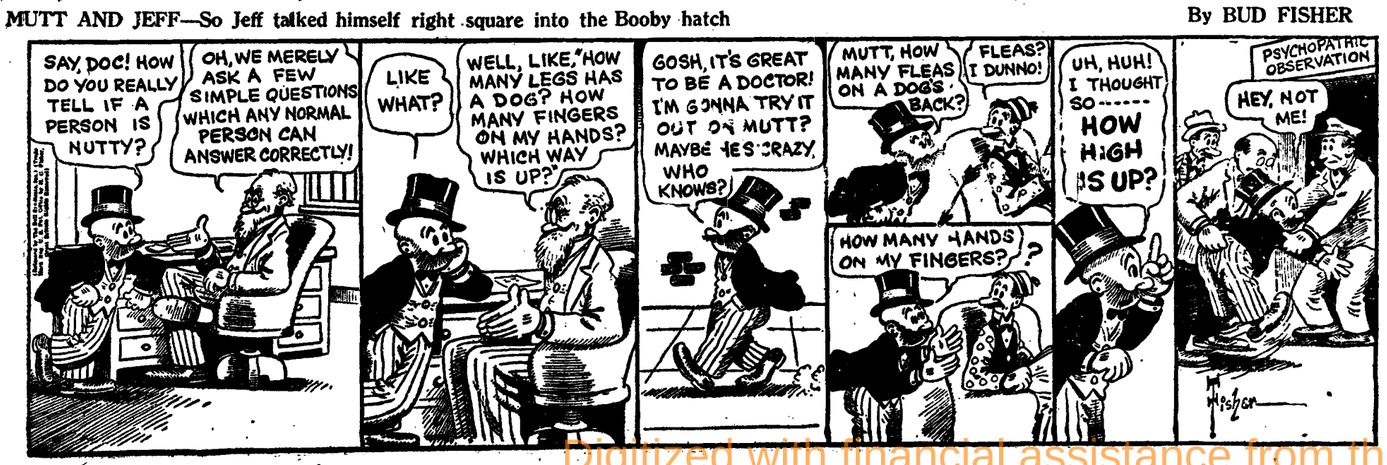
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GOSH, IT'S GREAT TO BE A DOCTOR! I'M GONNA TRY IT OUT ON MUTT? MAYBE HE'S CRAZY, WHO KNOWS?
MUTT, HOW MANY FLEAS ON A DOGS BACK?
FLEAS? I DUNNO!
HOW MANY HANDS ON MY FINGERS?
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R. N. NAYAMPALLI,
Deputy Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 14th March '45.

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IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1945, that day being a Public Holiday (JAMSHEDI NOVROZ) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

N. G. IRVINE,
Secretary and Treasurer.
Bombay, 12th March, 1945.

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SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply, till 31-3-46, of 200 pairs of shoes as per sample kept in the Civic Guard Headquarters, Head Police Office, Bombay 1, to the Civic Guards of Bombay City. The tenders along with samples will be received by the undersigned upto 1 p. m. on the 28th March 1945. Further particulars can be obtained from the Civic Guard Headquarters, Bombay 1.

R. N. NAYAMPALLI,
Deputy Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 14, March '45.

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THE J. N. PETIT INSTITUTE

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the J. N. Petit Institute will be held on TUESDAY, the 27th March 1945, at 6 p.m. (S.T.), in the Hall of the Institute, 312, Hornby Road.

JEHANGIR S. CHINIWALA,
Hon. Secretary.

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BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY

No. 3123/151.—With reference to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay's Notification No. 684/151, dated the 12th January 1945, and in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (b) and (c) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has modified as under the existing clause (b) of rule 42 and rule 46 made under section 22 (1) (b) and clause (1) of rule 7 made under section 22 (1) (c):—

I. Under section 22 (1) (b):—

(a) ADD the following to clause (b) of rule 42:—

"This sub-rule shall not, however, apply to taxi cabs plying for hire on the taxi stand at Mathew Road."

(b) SUBSTITUTE the following rule for the existing rule 46:—

"46. Regulation of Traffic over Wodehouse Bridge.—Wodehouse Bridge is closed to all motor vehicles laden or unladen weighing more than 3 tons."

II. Under section 22 (1) (c):—

SUBSTITUTE the following for the existing clause (1) of rule 7:—

"(1) On the west side of Hornby Road from its junction with Marzban Road to its junction with Ravelin Street".

H. E. BUTLER,
Commissioner of Police,
Head Police Office:
Bombay, 2nd March, 1945.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

Our CLIENTS Messrs. H. K. SULTAN & CO. have agreed to purchase as a going concern the furniture shop of the late Khan Bahadur Joosab Mahomed, situate at Chakla Street and carried on by him in the firm name and style of Joosab Mahomed together with all its stock-in-trade workshop, articles furniture fittings fans and all electric fittings, frigidaire, billiard-table, tapestry valet and other articles with the tenancy of the shop from the heirs of the late Khan Bahadur Joosab Mahomed at the auction thereof held by Messrs. Bennett & Co., Auctioneers on 9th March, 1945.

All persons having any manner of claim or demand against the same or in respect thereof or any objection to the sale are hereby required to give full particulars of the same to Messrs. Smetham Byrne & Lambert Solicitors at their office at Jehangir Wadia Building 51, Esplanade Road, Fort within 4 days hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without any reference to such claim.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1945.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE

Estate of the late DOSIBAI, widow of Godrej Dorabjee Pudumjee.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed DOSIBAI widow of Godrej Dorabjee Pudumjee, who died in England on or about the 3rd day of February, 1943, and the Probate of whose Will and Codicil having effect throughout British India was granted on the 19th day of October, 1944, to Noshirwan Framji Billia and Maneck Pestonjee Kanga, both of Bombay, are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned at their Office in Churchgate Street, Bombay on or before the 16th day of April, 1945, after which the Executors will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have then notice. Dated this 15th day of March, 1945

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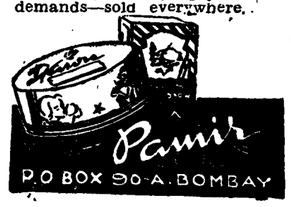

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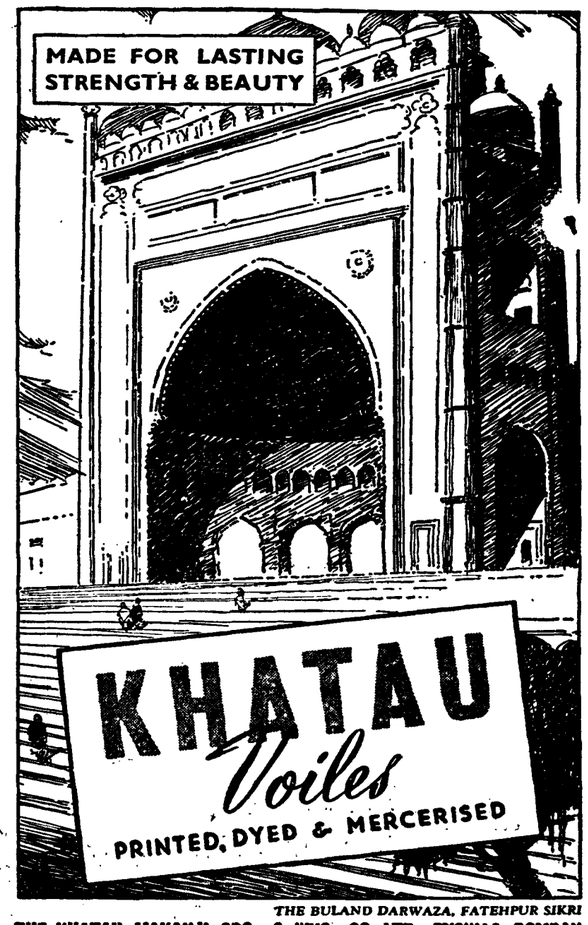

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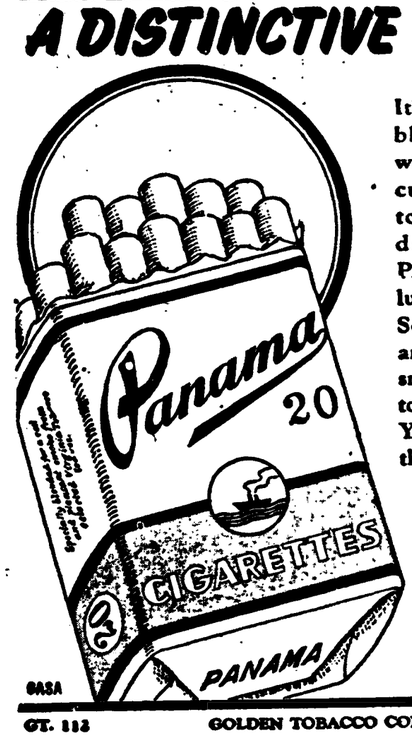

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